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THE
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of

JAY R. BENTON

for

DECEMBER
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Dear Mom + Dad,

Wow! What a wonderful day — the most mail ever — eight Xmas packages and ten letters — not to mention the newspapers and article from the H. Alumni bulletin.

Everything you sent is so swell! Hope you don't mind my opening the packages early. Thought it would be the wise thing [redacted] to do since we expect to be here only a few weeks more — and every-thing will do so much to make those weeks easier for us!

We have great plans for

our Xmas celebration now. Sending those tree decorations was a super idea! We shall have ours set up and decorated very shortly.

The Bayberry candles I will, of course, burn on Christmas eve.

Thanks a lot for sending Ernie's address. He must be with a fighter or light bomb group in England. I'll get in touch with him right away.

I didn't fly today and don't expect to tomorrow. The rest is being muchly enjoyed by us all.

Its difficult to find words to express my joy inspired by your wonderful gifts. They couldn't be better!

Dearest love to all,
Dave

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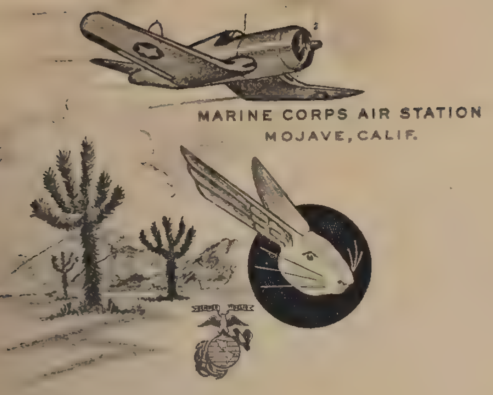
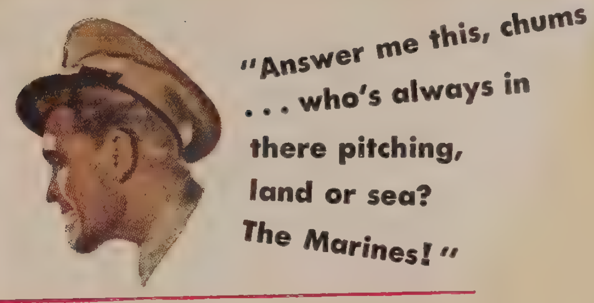


MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
MOJAVE, CALIF.

December 1, 1944


"Answer me this, chums
. . . who's always in
there pitching,
land or sea?
The Marines!"

Dear Mom and Dad,

One can tell December is here now for the workmen have constructed a nice scene of the Christchild's birth. It's nice and warm here today and makes me wish I were home so much.

I had a few shots yesterday and they don't bother me one bit. I pitched horse-shoes yesterday afternoon and I can still hook em in there. This will be the last week of foot-ball I guess until January so I think I'll stick close by a radio. I have a ten to two watch tomorrow and tune it right in by short-wave.

I've neglected to send you the film, Dad but you'll get it in good season before the Holidays. Your packages are coming in fine and it is wonderful. I'm so thankful to you and everyone. What a wonderful family and country to have.

Until Tomorrow -

Love,
Your Son,
Peter

gt. Peter J. Kenton
Hq. Sq. 51.
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Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Kenton
3 Plymouth Road
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BOSTON, the largest city in New England and the fifth largest in the United States, is a great city. It is the commercial, industrial, financial, manufacturing and transportation center of New England. It is the largest United States wool market. It is the leading and most up-to-date fishing port in the world. It leads in the woolen and worsted industry. It is second in the concentration of retail trade. It is second in the density of manufacturing plants. It is the second largest United States port in volume of imports. It is the third financial center of the United States. It is third in volume of wholesale trade. It is one of the great shoe and leather centers of the world, as well as one of the three great rubber manufacturing centers in America. It has one of the great harbors of the world with an area of 47 square miles and 140 miles of water frontage. Here the largest ships afloat can be accommodated. Of the major airports on the Atlantic Coast, Boston's is the nearest to Europe. It is more convenient by far to the downtown business district.

Boston is a great city but it will have a much greater future than either its present or past.

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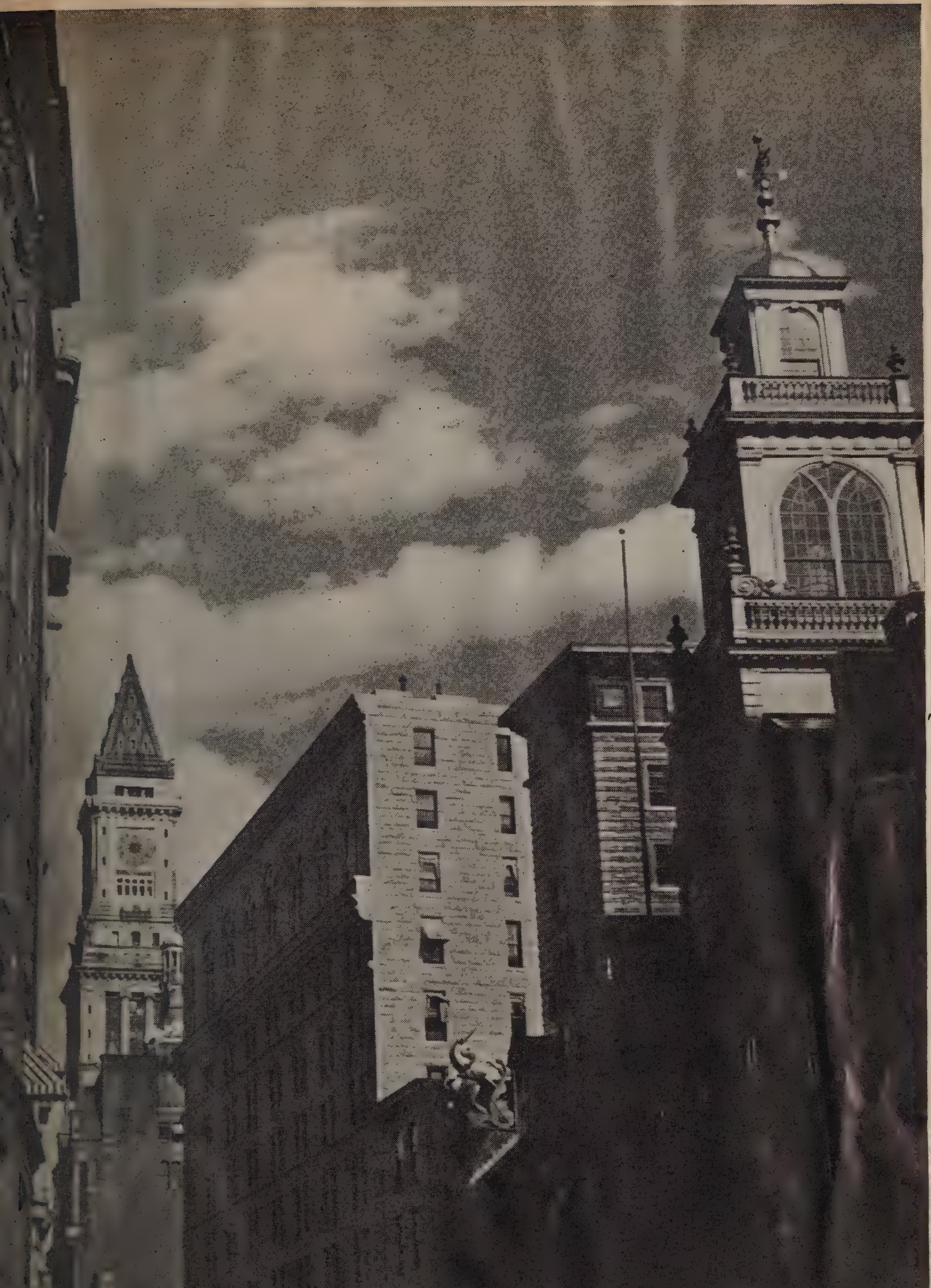
JAY R. BENTON, PRESIDENT



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(Arthur Griffin)

STATE STREET BUILDING TOPS. *To get this novel picture, the camera was pointed down State Street from Washington Street window. Cupola of the Old State House at the upper right and tower of the Custom House in he left background.*

Second Raging Tide Due In Wake of Storm Havoc

Surging tides and strong winds today wrought new damage along New England's storm-torn coast, already smashed by gales just short of hurricane force.

Friday, December 1st. 1944

The wind she blew like all get out last night. Slept late - cold still bad but breaks up in the head - Kathleen brought up my breakfast at 8.30 Orange juice - wheat germ - Scrambled Eggs and kippered Shad - very, very good - Toast - had coffee. Frances went out and got the "Globe" and "Post" for me and then went in to Boston Red Cross + I got up at 10.30 and to town all the way on the cars. Quite a breeze and it is getting colder - Worked hard at the office and out to lunch at 12.30 with Everett Lane - to Jordan's and picked up all the Thanksgiving holiday photos from Miss Orr. $4.53 worth - then to the Ambassador on Winter St - Had Fried Scallops - Tartar Sauce - Green Peas - Roll. Milk - Tangerine - Back to the office - work. Sent out our Christmas Egg Nog invitations + left at 4.20 - with Woolly and Mansfield - to Allston - a stop at Griffins - So home. Under Frances' insistent

OUR FOURTH WAR YEAR opens next week. The bloodiest battles are still ahead of us.

In Europe Allied troops are fighting on German soil. The end could come anytime—next week or next month. But it is much more likely to come next spring or summer.

For the civilian on the home front it all adds up t
war year, not greatly different from this one. Ther
shortages, strikes, price increases, wage boosts, high
more regulations from Washington. There will be
conversion.

urging-up stairs and to bed - my cold is still with me. Dinner was brought up. Soup. Creamed Finnan Haddie Hash Brown Potatoes - Green Peas. Toast. Milk. Orange and grape fruit slices. Turned out the light early - tossed and turned all night and dreamed no end.

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LANCASTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

December 2nd, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jay:

Enclosed are the prints desired by you and sent with the compliments of Allan Gibson, Photographer of the 1944 Fair.

After the two or three days of stormy weather you have been having in Boston perhaps they will remind you of more pleasant surroundings.

Sincerely,

Carroll Stoughton

Lt. David Benton 0-771886
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2 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Had a nice letter from Dad today telling of his recent visit with my families.

Still can't get over the mail I received yesterday. Wish you could have seen the boys going at those puzzles & games last night — it was a riot!

We have our Xmas tree all picked out & will soon have it set up in dear old tent #17.

An old friend of mine from Carlsbad, J.H. Barnes, joined our squadron today. It was quite a pleasant surprise to meet him again after all these months.

I had another restful day — went in town to the movies this afternoon. At the moment we are all listening to the Army-Navy football game. Quite a tussle.

I feel well rested and all set to go again after those two rough days — tho', we don't expect to fly tomorrow.

Are you receiving my mail regularly now? I have been writing every day the past couple of months. V-mail, I think, might give us quicker service these days. I'll use it every once in a while to give you fresh news of my doings.

Dearest love to all
Dave

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David Benton
st Lt. A.C.

Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

Word was received this week that **Lt. DAVID BENTON, 8th AAF,** son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Benton of 3 Pequossette road, has been awarded the third Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal.

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Saturday, December 2nd 1944

Woke up late with my cold still rampant. Stayed in bed all day. Breakfast brought up. Orange juice - wheat germ. Creamed Chicken on Toast. Iced coffee. Mary and John left for Raytheon and Fort Banks at their regular times + Frances rested late then to Cushing Square to do her Saturday morning shopping. at 12 she was off for Harvard Square and an afternoon of the movies at the University + I read papers - pasted photos and articles in my diary - also the Bound diaries for March, April, May, and June and also Pi Eta Shows - 1906 - 1907 - 1908 - 1909 - arrived from the Wells Bindery at Waltham they had had them since July + It is sunny out but cold - 20° - Mary returned from Raytheon at 12.30 - Jane brought up my lunch at 1. Soup. Scalloped Fish and egg slices - Hash Brown Potatoes + Toasted english Muffin Milk. Lettuce + Tomato Salad. Custard and sliced Bananas + Mary was off for Scituate - She. Nan Norton + others

going down to close up the cottage they
occupied this summer. Frances Back
at 5, five hours after having left for the
movies + All afternoon I listened to
the football broadcasts. starting
at 1.45 with Army vs. Navy from the
Baltimore Stadium and ending at
5.30 with the Notre Dame - Great Lakes
Game from South Bend, Indiana +
at 7.45 Jane brought up my supper —
Fried Oysters - Tartare Sauce. Baked
Beans. Catsup. French Fried Potatoes -
Tomato + Lettuce Salad - English Muffin +
Milk + a little Apple Pie and a small
piece of cheese +
Did my testing for the past 21 days -
what a long and tiresome task.

Lt. David Benton 0-771886
612 Sqdn. 401 Bomb. Gp

S. ARM

3 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Slept almost 'til noon today — a real "day of rest" — not even ground school to contend with.

The weather is cold and very damp. Don't expect to fly tomorrow but, there is a slight possibility that we will.

I spent most of this afternoon reading. Also shined all my shoes with my new kit — really felt industrious — Ha!

That was quite a football game Army & Navy put on yesterday. We all had a chance to enjoy it via the short waves.

So old Pete is a Radar technician now! It sounds like a good job. The boys here doing similar work have a good set-up — eight + hour day — no combat flying etc. Old Gus can take my place as chief "radio-fixer(?)" after the war.

And now I'm off for my weekly bath (brrr!) and our Sunday chicken dinner. Oh for some good old American plumbing + food!! Oh well, it won't be long now - Wow!

Dearest love to all,

Dave

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

Dec. 3, 1944

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Benton -

I feel terribly about not writing more often. I have received the News From Home quite a few times nd find them interesting.

There isn't really much to write about here. The mud, rain and sweating it out periods are the only topics. Right now I have a house and the kitchen in another house. All but the gun sections are living n the two houses. It is a great break for them but not the gun sections. All this is taking place near the front and in German speaking France.

Two things amazed me so far. One is that there is a large area of France which habitually speaks German or a mixture of German and French. The other is that we have passed through many a village

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Painter

Winthrop

without seeing a store of any kind in them. Nothing not even a bakery let alone a drug store. Of course, these towns and villages are almost complete wrecks and they might have a store or two hidden somewhere.

All these houses have very large and smelly cellars where the people hide. The kitchen is always next to the cow stalls and the attic is filled with beans, seeds and hay. I guess the wealth of each house is judged by the square pile of manure which is heaped outside the front door.

I know you both feel the absence of Dave and Pete and I admire the way you are carrying on. It can't last too much longer and next year will see happier times.

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all.

Love
Jim

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nd Mrs. Jas. R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd
Belmont 78
Massachusetts

Dec. 3, 1944

Dear Ma and Pa Benton -

Just a line to wish you both a Merry Xmas and a really Happy New Year. I hope everything will be changed by then. Am awfully glad the family was together on Thanksgiving. Next year Mary and I will have the gang at our domain.

Things are bound to improve and here's hoping that it will be soon.

Love. Jim

Seasons Greetings
"France 44"

Mercury Takes Nose-Dive All Over N. E.; Clear, Warmer Today

The first cold spell of the season hit Boston and all New England last night, with temperatures ranging from 15 here to below zero in Northern Maine.

The Weather Bureau predicted it will be slightly warmer today, with sunny skies and gentle winds.

Sunday, December 3rd 1944 X

Slept late - feel some better today - down for the papers at 7.30 — Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.45 — Orange juice - wheat germ. Fish Balls - Baked Beans - Paramount Sauce - Fried Egg - English Muffin - Iced Coffee. Read the Sunday papers - Up at 11.30. John drove me over to 11 Oak Avenue where I called on Mother - Back to the house at 12.45 - then over to the Leary's - a real good time - Besides Frances, John, and Mary, on hand were Louise, Marie Rose, & Ann - the John Wests of Worcester and the Warren Rileys + Home at 2.30 - Dinner. Soup. Little Steaks - French Fried Potatoes. String - Beans - Milk. Banana Shortcake + Rested all afternoon + listened to the broadcast of the Boston Yankees - Detroit football game. John & Mary went to Weston again + Frances made me up a snack supper - Soup. Lettuce Salad. Grapefruit. Milk —

MERCURY TO RISE TODAY

Lowest Temperature in Hub 12 Above

The cold temperatures which prevailed in New England yesterday will moderate today, and still more tomorrow, the weather bureau said last night, after a day of sub-freezing temperatures, with the lowest recording in the 24-hour period made at Montpelier, Vt., yesterday morning. The mercury there dropped to 5 degrees below zero. The lowest temperature in Boston was 12 degrees above zero.

The highest temperature yesterday was 28 degrees, and the highest expected today is 34 degrees. The weather will be clear today, with light winds. This morning, near zero temperatures will occur in the rural sections, but will mount during the day.

Word of the promotion of **DAVID BENTON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Benton of 3 Pequossette road, to the rank of first lieutenant in the 8th AAF was received this week.

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DAVID PROMOTED FIRST LIEUTENANT!

Monday, December 4th 1944

Up early today and feeling better than I have for some time + for Breakfast - orange juice - oatmeal - Baked Beans - fried Egg. Toast Iced Coffee - Called up Moody to come around and get me + Frances had a lot of bundles for me to lug in town - also had my Monday morning suit-case So to Allston - to pick up Ned Mansfield and then to the office. Had Frances' Big Box to Peter - wrapped up and despatched along - postage $1.51 - also parcels from her to Mae Hayes + Gladys Fogg - Worked all morning - out to lunch at 12.30 with Everett Lane to Dinty Moore's - Filet of Sole. Lobster Newburg Sauce - Green Peas - Roll - Iced Coffee. Sliced Bananas + Cream - to Filene's Corner for the morning papers + then to their Baby Shop - to buy a Xmas Present for "Spike" - a blue Afghan throw $5.00 - then to Cobb, Bates, Yerxa + some Chicken a la King for Breakfast tomorrow and also a can of Shad

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4 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

This has been another quiet day — just enough ground school to keep me fairly busy.

Another Xmas package from you and a large batch of newspapers arrived today. Thanks a lot.

You know, not one of those tree ornaments was broken in transit — really amazing!

I expect to fly tomorrow — weather permitting.

Saw a cute movie tonight — "Janie" from the N.Y. stage play. It was very amusing. We now have shows at the officers club four nights a week. They help a lot to relieve the boredom when we aren't flying.

I wrote to Ernie tonight. The old boy must be having quite a time in France!

And so to bed —

Dearest love to all,

Dave

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r. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

Monday
Dec. 4th

Dear Dad,

Thanks so much for sending down the pictures. They are all wonderful! Can't wait to hear Dave's reacti~~ons~~ to them.

Received his letter of the 21st today with news of his being promoted to 1st Lieut. I am so very proud of my husband!

Thanks, too, for sending the "Citizen".

Hope your foot is giving you no more trouble.

Best love to all,
Jeanne.

COURT CLERK RETIRES

After nearly 50 years service as a courthouse employe, John H. Flynn of Grover ave., Winthrop, today was in retirement from his position as first assistant clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court.

December 4, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
President, Boston Mutual Life Ins. Co.
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Thanking you so much for your very kind letter and for the good wishes you have therein expressed. Reciprocating your generous and sincere good wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John H. Flynn

December 4, 1944

Mr. Thomas F. Tuohy
953 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Tom:

I have your note -- the letter to the members of 1904 is fine -- O.K. You should act as class agent for five years. Let the present one go along for a while -- then we will get after those who have not contributed -- there are 89 to solicit. Let's divide the country into sections -- about 10 classmates in each. I will take one section and get after my ten -- you take another -- then six other good men get after their group. Something along the lines that 1906 does it. See their list on Page 12 of the current Christmas Fund Book.

Glad to hear about your boys. Mine are all fine I am pleased to write -- 3 are in. David has been flying in the war zone since June -- Air Medal -- 3 Oak Clusters -- Presidential Citation. Peter is a Sargeant in the Marines and is in the California Desert. Nicholas, a senior at Exeter, takes his physical this Saturday. John is a Lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

Best to you and yours and a very Merry Christmas.

JRB:BCC

Roe for Wednesday morning - also 2
dozen, assorted Rolls - Back to the
office - Work - started addressing,
and sending out Xmas Cards +
Left at 4.45 + Moody, Mansfield, +
+ Leary - Papers from "Chris" at the
Old South Church + to Allston -
then Belmont. 3 letters from
David and 1 from Peter - Sitting
Room. Eventually Dinner - Soup -
A Roast Leg of Lamb with the Bone
still in + Stuffing spiced. Cauliflower
au Beurre - Roast Potato - Gravy -
Hard Roll - Lettuce Salad. Milk -
Baked Apple. Upstairs at 7 +

Tuesday, December 5th 1944

This was a good early winter day — Orange juice - wheat germ - Chicken a la King on Toast. Iced Coffee - to the Square with Frances. Subway — Office - Work - Prepared - Xmas notice for 52nd Annual Christmas Luncheon — out at 12.30 - to Old Corner Bookstore looking for English Christmas magazines - to Knockers Club for lunch - Broiled Tripe - Mustard Sauce - Fried Egg Plant - Rolls - Iced Coffee - Tangerine. Xmas shopping - 2 dozen glasses to Earl Hayes. Depleted Stocks - depleted sales force - Xmas stickers at Woolworth's - Back to the office - Over to Valentinos for a hair-cut - Office - Mailed out the Knockers Club notices - Stuck around until 5.45 - Walked to Park St. Subway to Arlington St. to the Hotel Statler - Read paper in lobby until 7. Attended Annual dinner of Mass. Bankers Association - as guest of the Newton Trust Co. - Sat with Frank Richardson, Paul Goddard, Benjamin Guernsey, etc - Left after the food - was quite tired from my cold. Home all the way on the cars. To Bed at 9.15 +

OVER BERLIN: OUR FORTRESSES MAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH ENEMY

The bombers dropped their missiles on the Tegel munitions plant during an attack on Dec. 5

The New York Times (U. S.

Berlin Raided by Heavies

Luftwaffe Loses 80 in Air Battles

Eighth Air Force fighter pilots slugged it out with the Luftwaffe in the skies over Berlin yesterday and shot down more than 80 enemy fighters.

More than 800 Mustangs and Thunderbolts covered more than 550 Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth in attacks on industrial targets in the Berlin area and railway yards at Munster.

Berlin was last attacked by Eighth heavies on Oct. 6. The capital was once the most heavily-defended area in the Reich.

The 357th Fighter Group, a P51 outfit led by Maj. Joseph E, Broadhead, of Rupert, Ida., bagged 20 Nazi craft, while the 479th Fighter Group, another P51 unit led by Lt. Col. Kyle L. Riddle, of Decatur, Tex., knocked down 16.

Maj. William Hove, P51 squadron commander from Crookston, Minn., in the 355th Fighter Group, reported shooting down 5½ Jerries

Pound Tegl Munitions Plant

Fortresses, comprising the bulk of the bombing force, pounded the Tegl munitions plant in the suburbs northwest of Berlin and other objectives in the capital itself.

Several formations bombed visually through breaks in clouds.

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David D. Benton
1st LT. A.C.

5 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

Knocked off another big one today — and I do mean a "big one"! It wasn't too rough but, an awfully long trip. We're all pretty tired and expect to fly again tomorrow so I'll be off to bed very shortly.

Another big batch of papers + "Bulletins" came through today. The only letter was one from Jeanne mailed Nov. 11. Expect a big batch of more recent ones soon.

The Xmas heating pad is doing a good job these days.

It certainly is a handy little gadget & warms up these cold winter nights considerably.

Must get to bed - more tomorrow -

Dearest love to all,

Dave

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SERGEANT PETER BENTON

U. S. MARINE AIR BASE

MOJAVE DESERT, CALIFORNIA

MOJAVE,CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 5,1944

DEAR MOM AND DAD,

IN THE LAST SET OF PICTURES THAT YOU SENT,I SEE THE BURKES HOUSE IN THE BACKGROUND AND I COULDN'T QUITE RECOGNIZE THIER PLACE AT FIRST.I RECEIVED THREE PACKAGES FROM YOU ON MONDAY AND TEUSDAY OF LAST WEEK-SINCE THEN I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH MAIL.IV'E GOT A LEAVE OVER THE HOLIDAYS AND IT NEVER FAILS THAT I'M A MILLION MILES FROM HOME.IT WOULD BE NICE FOR A CHANGE TO GET A BREAK BUT I GUESS THEYR'E NOT FOR ME.

TOMORROW I'LL SEND A COUPLE OF PRESENTS HOME.IT'S SO HARD TO MAKE EVERYTHING WORK OUT ALL RIGHT AT CHRISTMAS AND THEY EVEN BAWL C YOU OUT FOR NOT BUYING AN EXTRA BOND,AREN'T OUR LIVES ENOUGH?AMONG MY FIRST CHRISTMAS CARDS IN FACT,THE SECOND WAS FROM THE HALLS.THEY ALWAYS ARE NICE TO ME.I TOLD HARLEY ABOUT HUNTING OUT HERE WHICH IS EXCELLENT FOR DEER ALTHOUGH THIS BOY WOULD NEVER HURT ONE OF THOSE.WE DID KILL A KOYOTE OR JACKAL AND ONE OF THE SAVAGES OUT HERE MOUNTED IT.GOOD JOB,TOO,REMINDED ME OF SPRUCE LEDGE.WEV'E BEEN PLAYING HORSE SHOES AND WHAT A BUNCH OF SHARKS THESE MARINES ARE.WE TOOK

THE CHAMPIONS ON TODAY AND SWAMPED THEM FOUR GAMES TO TWO. I WEIGHED MYSELF TODAY AND BEFORE THIS WAR IS OVER I'LL BE 190 EASILY. ONLY NINE POUNDS TO GO.

Love,
Your Son,
Peter

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HQ.SQ.-MAG 51
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3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

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November 20, 1944.

Mr. Jay R. Benton
c/o Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Benton:

We are pleased to know that you will attend the Annual Dinner Meeting of the Massachusetts Bankers Association, Tuesday evening, December 5th, Hotel Statler at 7: P. M.

Dr. Melchior Palyi, a Hungarian-born consulting economist, lecturer, editor, author, financial advertiser, and radio broadcaster, will be our guest speaker. He will discuss past and possible future economic conditions in Germany and Continental Europe.

WMC/T.

Sincerely yours,

W. M. Cahill

Treasurer.

Dress: Strictly informal.

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B-17s During an Air Attack

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

—AIR MAIL—

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Dear Mom + Dad,

They had us up at 1:30 A.M. today and we were all set to fly. A last minute engine failure prevented us from making the trip. I wasn't too sorry about not being able to go -Ha!- Got back to the barracks around 9:00 and slept until late in the afternoon.

Tomorrow is a big question mark. I don't expect to fly but, there is always a possibility.

No mail at all came today. That good old 10 day mail service is no more.

How is the cigarette situation in Belmont? Our rations were cut last week but, are back to normal now — 7 packs a week.

And that's the news for today.

Dearest love to you all,
Dave

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Dear Mom,

Just a note to say thanks for all the things you sent me for Xmas. They are all so swell!

I really needed those socks + gloves. Just the things to wear on pass and (best of all!), when I come home.

Gosh its going to be wonderful to see the family! A year is much too long for any of us to be apart — to say the least.

As things look now, I should be back in the

States and on my 21 day
leave with Spike again. Wh
a wonderful day that will
be — I'm so terribly happy
and proud!

Have a wonderful Christmas
Next year we shall all be
together - I'm sure of it.

Thanks again for everything
dear mom.

Dearest love,
Dave

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Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

Its driver unconscious, a crowded Boston Elevated bus plowed into a waiting throng of commuters today on the Harvard sq. kiosk platform, killing two women, seriously injuring 24 other persons and causing minor hurts to more than a score.

Wednesday, December 6th 1944

Not quite so cold today. For breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - scrambled eggs & sausages - Hard Roll - iced coffee - to the Square with Frances - saw the after math of the bad Elevated Bus Crash. Subway to Office. Everett Lane not in - sick with a cold - nor Leo Leary - he on his way to New York. Work all a.m. out at 12 - to the Ambassador on Winter St and the Paul Revere Room at the Parker House in an endeavor to have lunch - Both places packed - so to R. H. Stearns for more Xmas shopping. Goblets for Karl Hayes & Gladys Fogg, a nice blue nightgown for Jeanne, and a bright red scarf for ~~Jeanne~~ Jane Hayes. Ran into Helen Porter - and then going down the stairs (elevators packed) saw Mrs. Alfred Shrigley. Then to Kresge's for Xmas candles - then to Dennison's and Ward's trying to get Bayberry Candles but no luck. to Waynuth's for lunch - Ran into John Sherburne & so sat with him - had Breaded Veal Cutlet - Macaroni -

Milk and Tangerine + Back to the Office - Merle Summers came in with Wm A. Andrews, new President of the National Life Underwriters Association - Left at 4.10 - Home all the way on the cars - Rested - Dressed - Tuxedo - going out to the cars - ran into Nicholas coming from Exeter to take his physical early tomorrow morning - Rode in town all the way on the cars talking with Clarence B. Van Wyck. P.E.A.'94 - to the Statler - attended the annual dinner of the New England Exeter Alumni Association - Sat at the Head Table. A good time - Home all the way on the cars and to bed at 11.15 +

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ANNUAL EXETER DINNER

Hotel Statler, Boston

DECEMBER 6, 1944, 7.15 P. M.

Informal Hour, 6.15

To Exeter Men and Friends of Exeter:—

The Annual Exeter Dinner under the auspices of this Association will be held at the Statler Hotel, Georgian Room, Wednesday, December 6, 1944, at 7:15 P.M. Preceding the dinner there will be an informal hour starting at 6:15 P.M.

The speakers at the dinner will be:—

Randall T. Cox, 1922, Major, Troop Carrier Command, who will bring a vivid story of the least known, but most thrilling, operations in this war,—the airborne landings behind enemy lines hours before frontal attacks. Major Cox participated in these first landings in the Cherbourg Peninsula, at Sicily, and at Salerno.

William J. Bingham, 1912, Lt. Colonel, General Staff Corps, Director of Security and Intelligence Division, will speak on "Prisoners of War." Their attitude and treatment has been the subject of great interest and much discussion.

Dr. Lewis Perry, Principal, will give his annual report on the Old School. There is no more delightful or more interesting speaker in America.

Fathers of Exeter, students, and friends of Exeter are cordially invited.

Dinner tickets will be $2.75 per person. In view of the large attendance in recent years, we ask that you fill out the enclosed acceptance card and return it promptly.

You will also find a dues slip enclosed which we ask you to return in the self-addressed envelope. Our running expenses can be met only in this way.

Sincerely yours,

ROYAL W. LEITH

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December 1, 1944.

r. Jay R. Benton,
resident, Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company,
60 Congress Street,
oston, Massachusetts.

ear Jay:

There is just one last minute job that you are most admirably suited to
erform for us the night of the dinner and that is - the lining up of our guests
t the head table. I have made up a list of them and in the next few days I would
ike to sit down with you to get the assurance that they are properly placed and
ntroduced by the right title.

Naturally, you are commanded to sit at the head table with your black tie.
f there are other matters which come to your mind in the next day or two, please
ake a note of them for I would like to sit down with you for ten or fifteen
inutes to make sure we have covered all the vital details.

As ever,

Sincerely yours,

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1944

AT EXETER ACADEMY BANQUET—Speakers at the annual dinner of the New England Alumni Association of Phillips Exeter Academy last night at Hotel Statler. Left to right, Dr. Lewis Perry, principal of the academy; Royal W. Leith, alumni president and toastmaster, and Lt Col William J. Bingham, former Harvard athletic director and now member of the Security and Intelligence Division of the Army General Staff Corps.

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PROGRAM
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Annual Dinner of the New England Alumni Association
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PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY
held at
THE STATLER HOTEL
Wednesday Evening, December 6, 1944

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SPEAKERS

MAJOR RANDALL T. COX, '22	
LT. COL. WILLIAM J. BINGHAM, '12	
DR. LEWIS PERRY	Principal of the Academy
ROYAL W. LEITH, '08	President, New England Alumni Association, Presiding

INVITED GUESTS

JAY R. BENTON, '04	Former President, The General Alumni Association
DR. FRANK L. BOYDEN	Headmaster, Deerfield Academy
LOUIS S. COX	Former Justice, Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth
EDWARD W. EAMES	Headmaster, The Governor Dummer Academy
HART FESSENDEN	Headmaster, The Fessenden School
DONALD T. FIELD, '27	Secretary, The New England Alumni Association
LT. DONALD FORTE, '29	
CYRIL H. JONES	Headmaster, Milton Academy
E. S. WELLS KERR	Dean of the Academy
DELMAR LEIGHTON, '15	Trustee of the Academy
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EZRA PIKE ROUNDS	Director of Admissions of the Academy
LAWRENCE TERRY	Headmaster, Middlesex School
MYRON R. WILLIAMS	Director of Studies of the Academy
CHARLES E. WYZANSKI, '23	Member Academy Advisory Committee

Menu

Shrimp Cocktail

Melba Toast

Cream of Mushrooms

Celery

Half Roast Spring Chicken

Giblet Gravy

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Baby Lima Beans, au Beurre

Bomb Africaine

Assorted Cakes

Demi Tasse

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Music by
John S. Spinelli

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Peter Woodbury, '20
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*Acting Treasurer

December 7, 1944

Mr. Royal W. Leith
30 State Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Royal:

Your dinner was a distinct success and I want to congratulate you. Your introductory remarks were scintillating and the crowd, I could see, was thoroughly enjoying them. The music was ample and you saved considerable expense by eliminating an orchestra.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

December 7, 1944

Miss Gertrude E. Starks
Secretary to the Alumni
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Miss Starks:

The Boston Dinner last night went off very well. Walter Guthrie, who printed the menus, is mailing the cut back to you today.

Next year, I think, we will run in the menu a list of the past presidents of the New England Alumni Association. At your convenience, will you have a list made up, together with the years they served as presidents. I think it will be a very interesting compilation.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Barton

JRB:BCC

THE PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Wednesday
12-6-44

Dear Mr. Benton,

Thank you very much for the pictures. It was really wonderful of you to send them to me. They were very good, too and I will try my best to have them put in the "Exonian" but somehow I don't think they'd do it. It can be tried however.

By the way Dick left my rubbers down at your place over Thanksgiving and if he forgets to bring them back today will you send them up to me. My name is on the leaf or the inside so they might be easy to identify. There is no hurry about it though, so send them when it is convenient to you. prefbably before vacation.

Thank you again for the pictures, they are swell.

Sincerely yours

Chapin

LANCASTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE—WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6, 1944.

Lancaster Fair Gets Slice of Race Track Take

Rockingham Track closed its 42-day meet with a record play at the machines and the State of New Hampshire gets as its share of the take $1,714,459.70. Can you imagine a legislature voting that gold out of state coffers regardless of its source?

The officers also state that "the United War Fund and other charities" will receive $145,000. In fact Chairman H. J. Whitcomb of the Lancaster Victory Fund has received word from the state offices of the fund that Lancaster's quota would be reduced ten per cent from the heavy $2960 assigned the town but the quota had already been paid.

Latest figures are that the fairs of the state will share in $82,500 of the Rockingham cash.

This phase of the question is discussed by Leon W. Anderson, political editor of the Concord Monitor, and in his discussion he says the Lancaster Fair is the only one in the state to make a public statement of its finances. To this we add that Treasurer O. Leo Connary never fails to render such a report to this newspaper.

Also the Lancaster Fair does not "up" its premiums wholly to share more in the race track take. It operated successfully for 30 years before Rockingham. It pays exhibitors liberal premiums but doesn't make it dependent on the race track. In fact it was in the black in 1944 without any race track assistance. The directors are too level headed to make their future dependent on race track money although doubtless glad to get it.

The article by Mr. Anderson is of such interest to friends of the fairs that it is repeated as it appeared in the Concord Monitor.

Mr. Anderson's Comments

"New Hampshire's unique tax policy based on the unusual principle that the more public funds you give away, the more you will get back, will dump approximately $82,500 of Rockingham race track cash into the treasuries of the state's nine major agricultural fairs this year, State Treasurer F. Gordon Kimball reported today.

This strange tax system was voted by the state legislature six years ago, when the lawmakers almost rescinded the pari-mutuels franchise, without which Rockingham track would not be able to continue in business, and this year's record-shattering betting resulted in the unprecedented "melon" of $82,500 for the fairs.

"The largess, labelled for the promotion of farm life, and to stimulate the production of food, is based on a special levy of one-fourth of one per cent of total wagers at the Salem track. It is distributed by the state on a basis of total cash premiums paid for farming exhibits, and contests in which farm families and their animals compete.

"This year, the nine fairs will split the $82,500 on the basis of $36,611 paid out last fall in cash prizes. That means that the fair organizations will receive approximately $2.25 back for every dollar paid out.

The unusual "bonanza" quickly caused a scramble among the fairs to get increasingly larger amounts each year, once it was placed on the statute books. The merry battle to "double" dollars gained impetus each fall, according to records of the State Department of Agriculture, which has the chore of passing on the merits of the premiums paid, and it is still going on with steadily increased tempo.

"The last year before this free race track cash was made available, the fairs paid out less than $20,000 in premiums of one kind or another.

"The finances of the fairs then was at a low point, and New Hampshire faced the prospect of losing the most of them, because of the encroachment upon rural life by the automobile and easy transportation to urban centers for entertainment. In fact, two of the fairs had just gone out of business, as their farmer-sponsors refused to longer subsidize them by being stockholders with no indication of ever getting their money back.

"The free race track cash quickly changed that outlook, however. No sooner had the ink dried on the unusual law, than the seven remaining fairs jump- their total premiums that fall to $18,600.

"From then on the happy scramble for lion's shares of the subsidy, no strings attached, set the fairs booming along to prosperity.

"For many years the Rochester fair held position as the largest in the state with a steady premium list in the $4,000 class. Other fairs quickly jumped into that class, even though attendance marks did not keep apace.

"The Union Grange fair at Plymouth forged into the lead, raced past all its competitors in premiums paid out, and is still going strong, with no finish line in sight, according to its own records. It paid out $3,335 in 1939. In 1942 its premiums totalled $8,170, last year it jumped to $8,600, and this past fall really hitting a record stride, the Plymouth fair operators ladled out $12,250 in cash premiums, to get ready to take the lion's share of race track largess next year.

"The Plymouth Fair, one of whose top-ranking officials is former State Senator Lester E. Mitchell of Campton, sponsor of the unusual 1939 law, will receive 25 per cent of the race track cash this year, leaving the seven other fairs to share in the remaining 75 per cent.

"Indicating how the fairs are boosting their premium totals to get more and more of the Rockingham track "bonus" payments, is the fact that they paid out $29,500 to exhibitors in 1942; $36,000 last fall, and $48,400 this year.

"This is the only type of state-distributed subsidy for which the recipients do not have to give an accounting of how it is spent.

"The Lancaster Fair is one of the few which makes an annual public accounting to its patrons, while the others have continued to decline to do so, even at suggestion of some state officials.

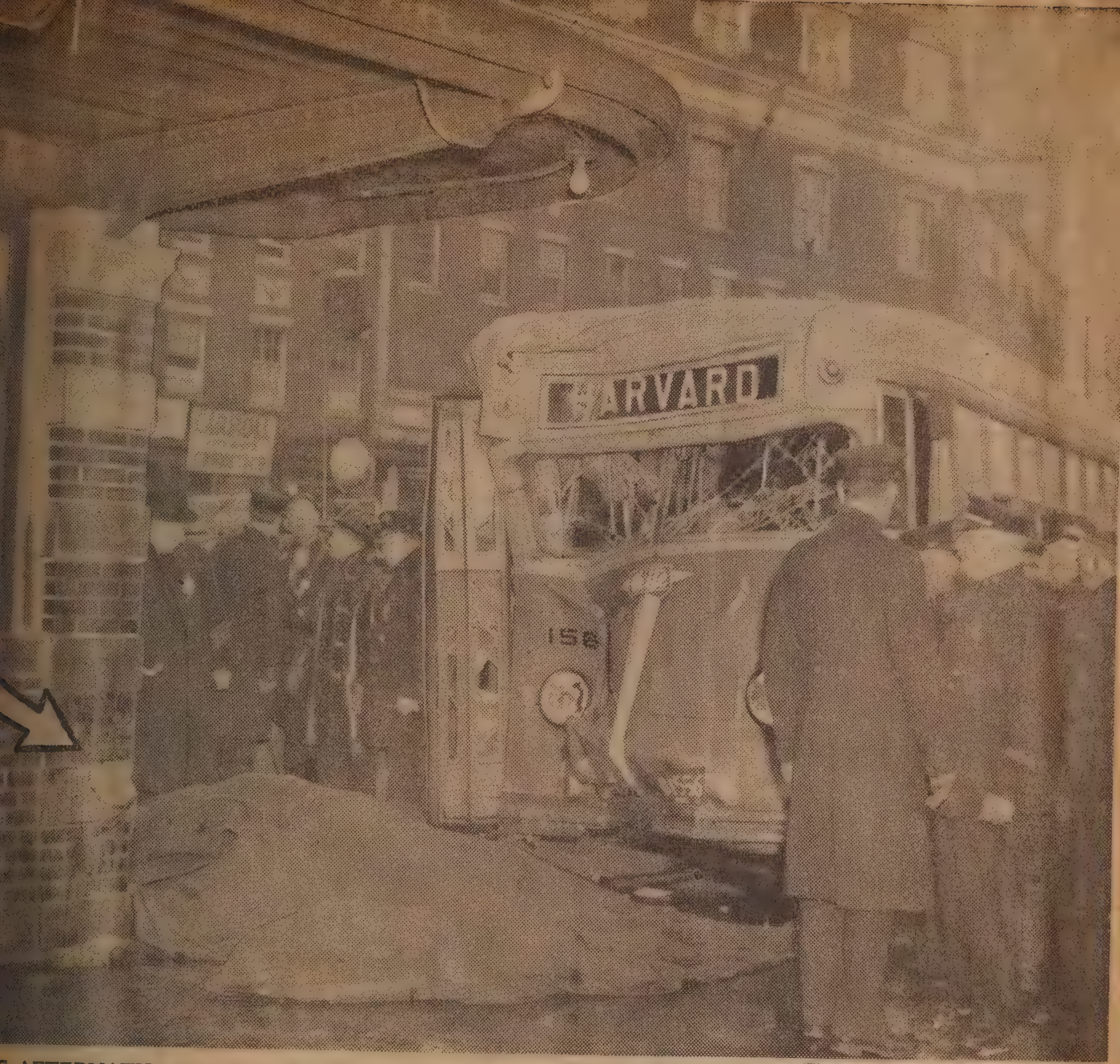
"Indicative of what the race track income means to the fair managements, however, is seen in the fact that the Lancaster fair netted nearly $4,000 in profits after setting aside a substantial sum for upkeep of its buildings, without counting the race track money which it will receive. In the case of the Lancaster Fair, it paid out nearly $5,000 in premiums last year. That means it automatically will receive about $12,500 extra, in addition to its regular profit of $4,000, this year. (Note: The Lancaster Fair made but $1000 in 1944.)

"As these details became available today, it was learned that at least one bill will be introduced in the new legislature in January, to force the benefitting fairs to submit to annual state audits, both to determine for a first time how the free cash is spent, and whether so large a subsidy is necessary to keep the fairs in existence, it was revealed. If such heavy subsidies are not needed to keep the fairs operating, the state may decide to divert some of this extra race track income for other purposes, such as giving aid to war veterans or helping to pay for monthly benefits to persons on the old age aid rolls, needy mothers and children, and other groups of penniless citizens, it was pointed out.

"Race track funds distributed to the nine fairs, with last year's premiums as a base, as follows:

Plymouth—$19,450 for $8,600 paid out last year.
Rochester—$15,950 for $6,380.
Lancaster—12,500 for $5,000.
Contoocook—$8,845 for $3,930.
Cheshire Fair of Keene—$8,345 for $3,700.
Deerfield—$7,200 for $3,200.
Sandwich—$5,970 for $2,650.
Canaan—$4,500 for $2,000.
Pittsfield—$2,770 for $1,230."

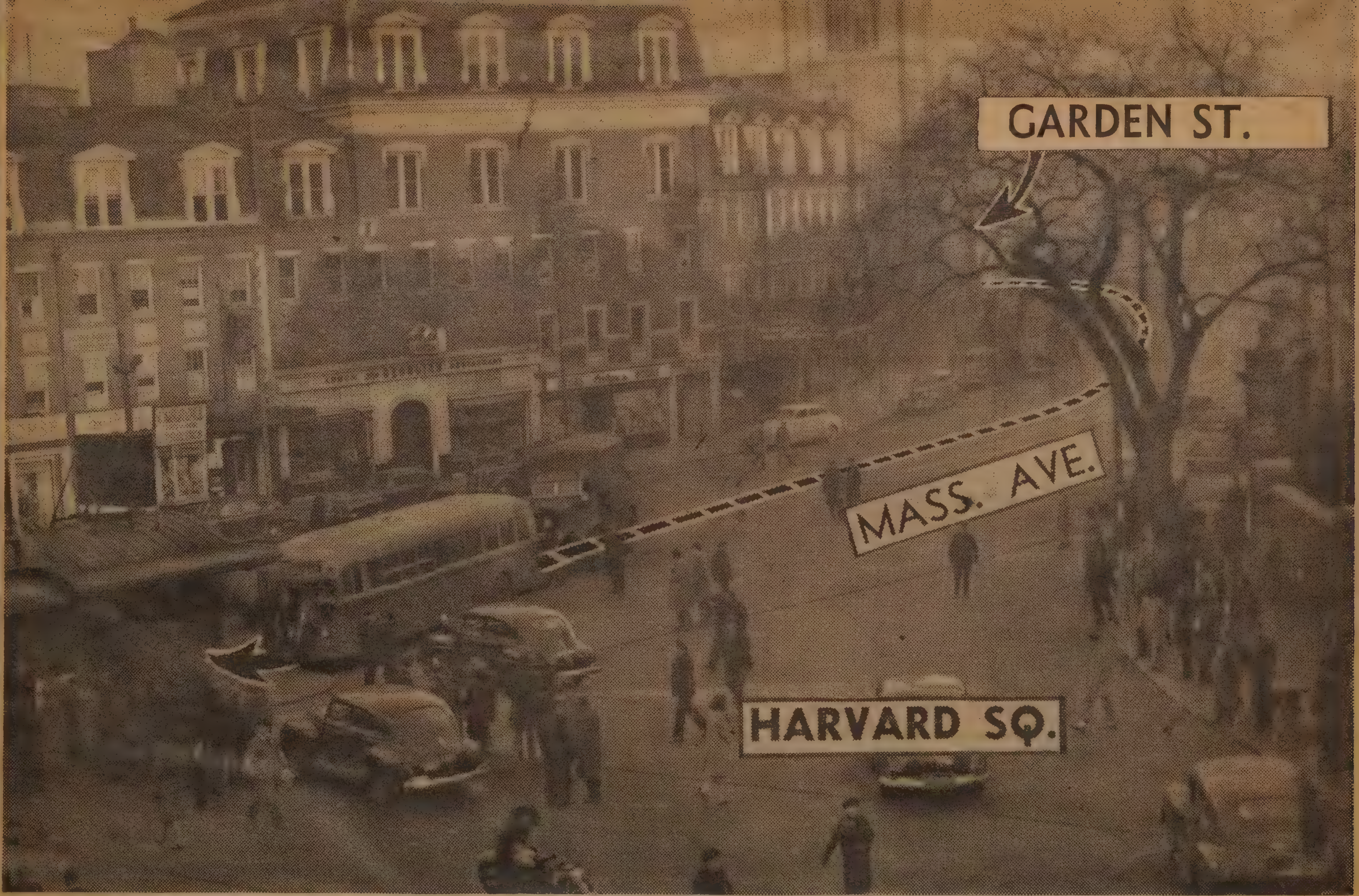
BUSINESS IS SO GOOD, it's a wonder every city and town in the state doesn't have its own agricultural fair! The state's nine major fairs are sitting pretty with the assurance that they will get $2.25 for each dollar paid out as premiums! This is due to N. H.'s unique tax policy based on the unusual principle that the more public funds you give away the more you will get back—so some $82,500 of Rockingham race track cash will be dumped into the treasuries of the fairs this year, and they will split the booty on the basis of $36,611 paid out last fall in cash prizes! Naturally the fairs, like the one at Lancaster, are in a scramble to get increasingly larger amounts each year from the racing bonanza by doubling the premiums paid! (The premiums jumped from $29,500 in 1941 to $48,400 this year.) The Plymouth Fair, one of whose top-ranking officials is former State Senator Lester E. Mitchell of Campton, sponsor of the unusual 1939 law, will receive 25% of the race track cash this year . . . The Lancaster Fair paid out $5,000 in premiums and will receive back in cold cash $12,500!



(Photo by Thomas O'Connor, Globe Staff)

C AFTERMATH—Rev. John J. Whelan, curate of St. Mary's of the Annunciation Church, after administering last
nds near bodies (under canvas) of two victims killed when bus crashed against Harvard Sq. subway pillbox. Ar-
nts to chipped, blood-stained corner of structure where careening bus pinned victims.

Dec. 6. 1944



Scene of Bus Crash—Photo-diagram shows route of bus as it swung out of Garden st. into Massachusetts ave. and sped wildly across Harvard sq., Cambridge, to crash against "L" kiosk, killing two women and injuring 24 other persons. See below . . .

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1st Lt. A.C.

7 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Once again we were up very early in the A.M. but never did we get to fly. I was back in bed by 7:00 and slept 'til noon. What a topsy-turvy life!

The mail situation remains bad — nothing at all came today.

Its pretty cold here now — our one little stove being hardly sufficient to heat the entire hut. We all wear coats etc., indoors as well as out.

The M.D.'s have been giving us a sulfadiazine pill each day to prevent colds. They seem to be doing the trick.

Its time for supper & then an hour of ground school.

Chances of flying tomorrow are about 50/50.

Dearest love to all
Dave

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December 4, 1944

Dear Jay:

Confirming my telephone conversation this morning, I am enclosing ticket for the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Thursday, December 7th at 12:30 P.M.

The table will be marked "National Shawmut Bank" and I will be looking forward to having you as our guest.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ray Ilg

Ray A. Ilg
Vice President

Mr. Jay Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
Boston, Massachusetts

WAR HIGHLIGHTS

DAY-BY-DAY SINCE PEARL HARBOR

1941

Dec. 7: Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Philippines, Malaya, opening war with U. S. and Britain.

Dec. 8: U. S. declares war on Japan.

Dec. 10: Japanese land in Philippines.

Dec. 11: Germany and Italy declare war on U. S.

Dec. 12: Guam occupied.

Dec. 24: Wake falls.

Dec. 25: Hongkong falls.

Dec. 27: Japanese bomb Manila.

1942

Jan. 1: United Nations pact signed by 26 governments.

Jan. 2 Manila and Cavite naval base fall.

Jan. 26: U. S. troops land in Ireland.

Feb. 15: Singapore falls.

Feb. 27: Battle of Java Sea.

March 17: MacArthur arrives in Australia.

April 9: Bataan capitulates.

April 18: Doolittle's flyers bomb Tokyo.

May 4-8: Japanese lose Coral Sea battle.

May 6: Corregidor falls.

June 3: Japanese bomb Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

June 5: U. S. Navy routs Japanese at Midway, Nimitz announces.

June 12: Japan gains toehold in Aleutians.

June 21: Tobruk falls; Germans push into Egypt.

July 5: British stall Rommel's drive before Alexandria.

Aug. 7: U. S. forces land on Guadalcanal.

Aug. 19: Commandos raid Dieppe.

Sept. 8: Japanese advance into Owen Stanley mountains, New Guinea.

Sept. 17: Nazis penetrate Stalingrad.

Sept. 26: Japanese retreat in New Guinea.

Oct. 25: British smash Rommel's lines at El Alamein.

Nov. 8: U. S. and British invade North Africa.

Nov. 11 Americans capture Casablanca and Oran, end French resistance; Nazis occupy all France.

Nov. 27: Most of French fleet scuttled at Toulon.

1943

Jan. 18: Reds break Stalingrad siege.

Jan. 24: British take Tripoli; Buna campaign ends.

Jan. 26: Roosevelt and Churchill, at Casablanca, vow "unconditional surrender" of the Axis.

Feb. 9: U. S. completes Guadalcanal campaign.

Feb. 21: Germans take Kasserine pass in Tunisia.

Feb. 25: Americans retake Kasserine pass.

March 1-4: Bismark Sea battle.

May 7: Tunis and Bizerte fall.

May 14: Americans gain foothold on Attu.

May 30: Japanese wiped out on Attu.

June 3: Provisional government set up for French Empire.

July 10: Allies invade Sicily.

July 19: Allies bomb Rome.

July 25: Mussolini putsched; Badoglio becomes new prime minister.

Aug. 15: U. S. forces occupy Kiska.

Aug. 17: Allies complete Sicily conquest.

Aug. 24: Roosevelt and Churchill meet at Quebec.

Sept. 3: Italy invaded.

Sept. 5: Paratroops seize Nadzab airfield behind Lae.

Sept. 8: Italy surrenders.

Sept. 9: Fifth Army invades Italy at Salerno.

Sept. 10: Germans seize Rome.

Sept. 11: MacArthur takes Salamaua. Most of Italian fleet escapes to Allies.

Sept. 12: Mussolini freed by Nazi paratroops.

Sept. 16: Lae captured.

Sept. 26: Smolensk falls to Russians.

Oct. 1: Allies capture Naples.

Oct. 7: Reds cross Dnieper.

Oct. 13: Italy wars on Germany.

Oct. 18: Hull and Eden confer with Molotov in Moscow.

Nov. 1: Marines land at Bougainville.

Nov. 6: Russians take Kiev.

Nov. 21: Nimitz announces U. S. invasion of Makin and Tarawa islands.

Nov. 23: Abemama, Gilbert islands, invaded.

Nov. 24: Organized resistance on Gilberts reported ended.

Dec. 4: Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin meet at Teheran.

1944

Jan. 22: Allies land 20 miles south of Rome.

Jan. 31: U. S. invades Marshalls.

March 20: Nazis occupy Hungary.

March 24: German occupation of Romania confirmed.

April 3: Russians invade Romania.

April 4: Yanks bomb Bucharest.

April 12: Soviets free Kerch peninsula.

April 22: Yanks land at Hollandia and Aitape.

May 10: Reds take Sevastopol.

May 18: Cassino falls.

May 27: U. S. invades Biak.

June 4: Allies take Rome

June 6: Allies invade Normandy.

June 14: Yanks land on Saipan.

June 16: Robot bombs smash Britain

June 20: Reds capture Viipuri. Chinese admit fall of Changsha.

June 21: Yanks reach Cherbourg outskirts.

June 27: Yanks take Cherbourg.

June 30: U. S. severs relations with Finland.

July 7: B-29s attack Japan.

July 8: Americans complete Saipan campaign.

July 20: German generals attempt to assassinate Hitler; Yanks invade Guam.

July 23: Eight German generals seized in wake of Hitler plot.

July 27: Reds reach Vistula river.

July 29: Roosevelt, MacArthur and Nimitz end three-day parley.

Aug. 1: U. S. tanks enter Brittany at four points.

Aug. 10: Guam conquered.

Aug. 15: Allies invade France between Marseilles and Nice.

Aug. 20: Allies reach Seine. French liberate Toulouse, Hendaye.

Aug. 23: Romania ends war against Allies, fights Germany.

Aug. 25: Paris liberated.

Aug. 29: Reds take Constanta, cut oil line from Ploesti.

Sept. 3: Lyon falls.

Sept. 4: British seize Brussels and Antwerp. Russia's war with Finland ends.

Sept. 11: Germany invaded.

Oct. 5: British invade Greece.

Oct. 11: Bulgaria accepts preliminary Allied armistice terms.

Oct. 13: Riga falls.

Oct. 19: MacArthur invades Philippines. Stilwell relieved of duties in China.

Oct. 20: Aachen falls.

Oct. 21: Churchill, Stalin end conference.

Oct. 28: Allies accept Bulgaria's armistice terms.

Oct. 29: Nimitz announces Japanese lose 58 ships sunk or damaged, 24 definitely sunk, in clash with U. S. Third and Seventh fleets off Philippines.

Nov. 9: Reds advance on Budapest.

Nov. 10: Churchill announces V-2 rockets hit Britain.

Nov. 12: RAF sinks Tirpitz.

Nov. 16: Allies launch great offensive in Rhineland.

Nov. 24: U. S. Superfortresses bomb Tokyo.

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR DA

At 2:26 P. M. in Times Square, when a minute of silence was observed

Thursday, December 7th 1944

House astir early. Nicholas was up and away at 6.30 - John driving him down to the Homer School where he reported to the Belmont Selective Service Board to take his pre-induction physical + Up at the regular time - for breakfast - Orange juice - oat meal poached egg on fish cake. Toast + Coffee to the Square with Travers - subway - Office Everett came back at his desk but still has his cold - Work - out at 12. Nicholas called from Fort Banks - he is in good physical shape - I took the cars to Copley Square and so to The Copley-Plaza - Waited briefly for Nicholas to come. Gave him some money and wished him well - Then I attended the luncheon of the Boston Chamber of Commerce - guest of Ray Ely at the National Shawmut Bank table + a good time - Out at 2. Bought some Bayberry Candles at S.S. Pierce - Subway - Back to the Office - Worked all afternoon - left at 4.30 - Cars all the way home. Woody in Springfield re our new offices -

Reaching home, I undressed and got right to bed, was so tired. Girls out - Frances cooking — Dinner upstairs at 6-30 — Breaded Veal Cutlet. Spaghetti with Meat Sauce. Asparagus Tip Salad - Roll - Sliced Banana and Cream. Addressed Christmas card envelopes - looked up addresses + 5-30 to 10-15 - and even after that ~~[illegible]~~ 82 still to be done

TELEPHONE BELMONT 1482J

WALTER G. SMITH
COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHER
28 BARTLETT AVENUE
WAVERLY, MASS.

December 7,1944

Mr.J.R.Benton
150 Congress Street
Boston,Mass.

Dear Mr.Benton;

I assure you that I appreciate your asking me to make a picture at the Parker House Friday Dec.22,1944.

After ten years without a vacation or a day off I have accepted an invitation to spend the week end and over Christmas with some friends and as I leave early Friday morning the 22nd.would be unable to make it.

Thanking you again for your thought of me I remain,

Yours truly,

Walter G. Smith

ILLIAM BOOTH *Founder*
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General

COMMISSIONER ERNEST I. PUGMI
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COLONEL RICHARD F. STRETTO
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Public Relations Secr

The Salvation Army
INCORPORATED
PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
41 PEARL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Telephone Liberty 6937

November 30, 1944

Hon. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachsetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

A regular meeting of the Greater Boston Advisory Board will be held at the

PARKER HOUSE
on
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1944
at
12:30 O'CLOCK

and it is earnestly hoped that there will be a full attendance.

Please return the enclosed postal card promptly.

Sincerely yours,

W.A. Nicol
Secretary, Advisory Board

WAN:B
Enc.

A BEACON ON THE SKY TRAIL TO TOKYO

Mount Fujiyama seen through the nose of a Superfortress. The landmark serves as a guide to crews of our giant bombers on their way to blast targets in the Japanese capital.

Associated Press Wirephoto (U. S. Army Air Forces)

Lt. David Benton 0-771886
612 Sqdn, 401 Bomb. Gp.
APO 557, c/o P.M. N.Y., N.Y.

AIR 6 CENTS MAIL
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. & Mrs. Jas R. Benton

8 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Nothing at all new to talk about tonight.

I had an easy day – no flying. Went to the officers club cinema this evening.

The mail situation is still dismal – nothing at all again today.

Expect to fly tomorrow so I'll be off to bed in a minute.

Dearest love to all,
Dave

Benton 0-771886
n, 401 Bomb. Gp.
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AIR 6 MAIL
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

Benton

Boston Warned of Storm With High Winds Tonight

Centered near Washington, a howling northeaster was surging toward Boston today at a 40-mile-an-hour clip and was expected to lash the city with gales reaching 65 miles an hour by 8:30 p. m.

Friday, December 8th 1944 -

Up at the regular time - the family out at early intervals to go to church - Breakfast - orange juice - wheatena - creamed salt codfish - on toast - iced Coffee. to conserve gasoline, Frances had Elise Burroughs - come around to take her to Red Cross and me to the Square - Subway - office - work - out at 11 - after getting about 700 Christmas Cards started off - to Filene's and bought more of Frances' Christmas Presents - 15 pairs of hosiery - also bought another 100 Xmas cards. Back to the office - out at 12-30 and to the Parker House - to attend a luncheon meeting of the Boston Advisory Board of the Salvation Army + Sat with Damon Hall, Frank R. Shepard + Ralph Eastman, Andrew Seiler, J. Arthur Moriarty, Arthur Mackenzie - over at 2. then down to Damon Hall's law office - conference re C.I.O. negotiations - Hall, Everett Lane, Bill Nolan, Moody, + Keene + Back to the office at 3.30 - work to 4.30 - With Moody + Mansfield -

first to Allston - then to Belmont - stops at the Belmont Herald office and the School Street Pharmacy for Belmont Citizen - Home. Little Living Room + Dinner at 6.30 - Chicken Soup - Lamb Croquettes - French Fried - Potatoes + Green Peas - Lettuce Salad - Pk. Olives - Milk - Peach Shortcake + Upstairs at 7.15 +

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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PETER.

$25.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

Mojave, California
Dec. 8, 1944

Dear Dad,

I sent a box home today full of present for you and I feel good because that matter was on my chest for quite a little while. Now they're on their way to Belmont for the Benton Christmas. Grand-mother has a couple from me that I sent last fall. Kathleen and James presents are in the box, too. I've had some wonderful presents and I'm very thankful. I only wish I could have given to the Easter fund for you as I did last year but I'm broke and had to cable you today. I will, ~~to~~ though, Dad - early in January. Mother and Mary told me to save my presents till the 25th but you can't in the position were in because we may go at any time. I have a furlough over the holiday and so I hope to meet Winzzie White. Will you send me some money near the 23rd because I want to have some pictures made for us. If we do get together we'll have to have some pictures of the occasion. Now here's something, Dad, that I want very very much - Your's picture taken at college - in your white sweater with the "H" insignia. I think you have your banner on your lap. And mother's picture as a young wife. I'd like some kaki neckties, too. My pal Henry Field at W & L is a German prisoner. I'll write to Mr. O'Hara very soon, Dad.

Love,
Peter.

This letter is all "give me", Dad, and I'm sorry - I won't write one like it again.

Sgt. Peter J. Benton
Hq. Sq. - 51
Mojave, California
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

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VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Jay Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston,
Massachusetts

LOURIE AND LOURIE

December 9, 1944.

Dear Jay.

I appreciate very much the Xmas greetings of yourself and family, and I heartily reciprocate the kindly wish for a joyful holiday.

I sincerely hope that this terrible war will be over soon and that very shortly all your children and their spouses will be on hand to share your family circle.

Cordially

Moses P. Lourie

American and British aircraft leave vapor trails over the Netherlands-German border as the planes make their way to smash at Nazi centers.

The New York Times (British Official)

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612 Sqdn, 401 Bomb. Gp.
APO 557, c/o P.M., N.Y., N.Y.

AIR 6 CENTS MAIL
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

9 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

And another easy day! Getting these last missions in is rapidly turning out to be a lifer's work! A steady week of flying would finish me up but, of course, things just don't work that way.

Had a V-mail (mailed Nov. 30) from Jeanne today — and a wonderful Xmas package from Spike! Evidently the air mail situation has hit an all time low — rather imagine those letters are crossing by boat, & flying with over. The North Atlantic is pretty bad at this time of year.

We were having a terribl time with mud here but, it's cold enough to keep the ground frozen most of the time now. No snow here yet — tho' there was about an inch on the ground around Manchester on my last trip.

Took in a movie in town this afternoon. The words of farmers etc. reminded me a bit of Sat. afts. in Lancaster.

As usual, we expect to fly tomorrow. Dearest love to all, David

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AIR 6 CENTS MAIL
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, Mass.

The Community Club will hold a food sale at Stevens Store on Saturday from 2 to 4. A limited number of orders for baked beans and brown bread and other home cooked food may be left at the store Saturday morning.

N. D. Hunter and Karl Hayes shot a large bear on Round Mountain last week.

Saturday, December 9th 1944 X
Woke up early - reading papers and catching up on my diary insertions. Breakfast upstairs at 8-30 - orange juice - wheat germ. Fried eggs & Bacon - toast - hot Coffee. Mackenzie, the Carpenter was around this morning - took off all the screens - and put on the storm windows. It looks as though Winter is officially here. The predicted wind storm predicted for last night did not materialize. Just before noon Louise called to let us know that Charles Wheeler had passed away this morning - This is very sad news and he was an old friend of ours for many years + For luncheon chicken soup - Canned frankfurters - sauerkraut Snoozed all afternoon - up at 5-30 hot tub Bath + Morse Taxi came at 6.45 - into the Sawyers - 203 Bay State Road - a fine party in their downstairs room - about 20 there including Edith Ames -

Bill Cunningham, Marjorie Wells — Buffet
supper — Venison steak — Wild Rice —
Taxi home — to bed at 2.
Mary left at noon and was out
for the night

GUILDHALL, Vt.
December 9th
1944

HOW;-

On this day, the 8th day of December A.D.1944 I have shipped VIA Fast Freight the 1944 Christmas Tree, you will find (I hope) a bag near the top of the bundle, would suggest that you cut this open, rather than try to get the contents out otherwise, its a top of a Cat Spruce with cone attached, if you don't cut the bag it will be like pulling a Cat by the tail, also along the main tree there is a few branches containing cones, trust the whole outfit arrives in not too bad shape.

Varoius packages have arrived, (Jane's included) also papers, letters, 'n if anything else you sent, we gottem, thanks, all appreciated.

You undoubtly noted in the Guildhall items that H.D.Hunter and yours truly got a Bear, this in part is true, Hunter is the man who shot him, however, we were both hunting together, you don't know how near you were to being the recipient of a 225lb Vermont Black Bear, we went over to see Welsh relative to shipping, learned that it would have to be crated, and a lot of Red Tape, on the GT, I think he was "All Wet", however, a Mr. Hoken who has bought the Howe farm in Maidstone was in the market for Bear, so we sold, I still think it would have been a grand idea to ship said bear to 3 Pequossette Road, (don't know what the Hell you'd done with it).

Your Christmans card is a "Corker", nothing would suit us better than dropping in for a "Egg Nog" however, I expect its B-Y-O-C (bring your own cigarettes) have been lucky, got 1½ pkgs on hand also a short beer (no Scotch)

Brother-if you'd got that Bar, you'd knowed it twant no
Bank Beaver--still think we'd ought to have shipped it.

Snow Fleas have not showed up yet, in the first place, no snow, torrential rain here last night, wind a gale---Fleas will be here, don't you worry Mr. Benton

By the way, I mailed your cut some time ago, thanks very very much, I think its swell to let the outside world know there is a Guildhall.

Better than every,

Karl

P.S. Do not save burlap, it has served its purpose.

LT. David Benton 0-771886
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10 Dec.'44

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Dear Mom & Dad,

Speaking of snow, I awoke this A.M. to find lots of it floating through the air. No flying - of course!

At the moment I am sitting in front of our hopelessly inadequate stove with a super-heated front and a frozen fanny. What a life - Ha!

Took advantage of the circumstances and stayed in bed 'til noon. Read all afternoon — Jeanne & Spike sent me a couple of super books for Xmas.

a big batch of papers came today — including my first issue of the "Boston Sporting News", resplendent with Andy W.'s picture on the front page! Congratulate the ace R.H.B. for me.

At the moment, the weather looks O.K. so, perhaps, we'll get in a mission tomorrow.

See you soon —

Dearest love to all,

Dave

David Benton 0-771886
sqdn, 401 Bomb. GP.
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Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

vid Benton
t. A. C.

OH! THAT BUMP-ON YOUR RUMP

Sunday

Dec. 10, 1944

Dear Mom & Dad —

Well, I'm very much 1-A — and boy am I happy! In fact so much 1-A, that I can get into the navy — you see when you finish your physical you go to either the army or navy officer, according to how much you are physically fit. If you get sent to the navy officer, you're the highest physically fit — and so on down to rejection. The only trouble I had was with my nose, which was very effecient doctor looked into - apparently my nose wasn't in too hot a shape - but will be fixed up when I go into the service ——

I've enclosed three invitations I received via Pequossette Road - I was thrilled to get them - and am sending them back to you to take care of because I have no money. The Debutante Ball is the biggest thing in Boston. I don't know how I get on the list to all these Ritzy dances, but I've had seven invitations, already. Save the invitations!

Eggnog invitations were super - hope we have loads of guests.

Tell Mary that Billy O'Shea won't be going to "In The Town" with us.

Love,

Nick

Sunday
December 10th
1944.

Dear Grandpop B.,

Spike and I are very curious as to what is contained in the box from Filene's! However, we have resisted temptation and put it away 'til Christmas morning.

Mother, Dad, and I wish so much we could be with you for the Egg Nog. We'll be with you in spirit!

Your card is lovely — and the "Mrs. David Benton" on it a great thrill for me!

Lots of love,
Jeanne.

Sunday, December 10th 1944

Slept late naturally - Breakfast upstairs - Orange juice - wheatgerm - dropped egg on corn beef hash - toast - Iced coffee - Read newspapers - up at 11.30 - Over to call on Mother at 11 Oak Avenue - 11.50 to 1 - Back to the house - Then with Frances & John to call upon Margaret Wheeler - then over to Pat, & Louise's there to 3.15 - Home. Dinner - Black Bean Soup - Lamb Chop grill - Bacon - Baked Potato - Stuffed Tomato - Artichoke Hollandaise - lettuce salad - Crumbed apple cake - Cheese & Crackers. Snoozed all afternoon Snack supper at 7. Scrambled eggs on Toast - Milk - Pear Salad. John put in the front porch furniture today - yes - winter is officially here - John and Mary out to Weston again tonight

Monday, December 11th 1944

On the coolish side today - Orange juice - Wheat Germ - Fried eggs + Bacon - Toast - Iced coffee + Monday morning suit case - to the Square with Frances. A lift for Mrs. Libby. Subway - Office - Everett Lane home with a cold. Leo Leary not back from New York - Worked on more Xmas Cards - Sent along five more packages for Frances - Out at noon to Western Union - wired $25.00 to Peter - Walked out to Steuben's on Boylston St. Lunch - Broiled Milk Fed Veal Chops - Lyonnaise Potatoes, String Beans. Roll. Milk - Tangerine + to the Boston Music. Bought Xmas presents for Nicholas Victor Album - "Macbeth" with Maurice Evans + Judith Anderson + Victor Album - "Show Boat" - to Penn the Florists - Bought Xmas Decoration for Directors' Table - to the Old Corner Book Store - Bought two Books on the theatre for Nicholas - Back to the Office - Work. Nap, Siesta - Left at 4.40. with Moody - & Mansfield - to Allston's - to Charles St. Fruit Store - Bought 2 dozen Tangerines - Home. Upstairs

LT. David Benton 0-771886
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AIR 6 CENTS MAIL
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

11 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Got in another mission today. It wasn't very rough but, a pretty long trip. Kind of tired at the moment. With luck, we'll get one more out of the way tomorrow. That will mean a long-before-dawn awakening so I'm going to hit the hay very shortly.

No mail today - everyone here is having the same trouble these days. Some-day soon we'll hit the jackpot!

Gosh, Christmas is just two weeks away! Pretty tough to spend a second one away from the family — but, how much more we'll appreciate those to come! A few years from now, Spike will be reading "The Night Before Xmas" to us. Won't that be something!

My dearest love to you all,

Dave

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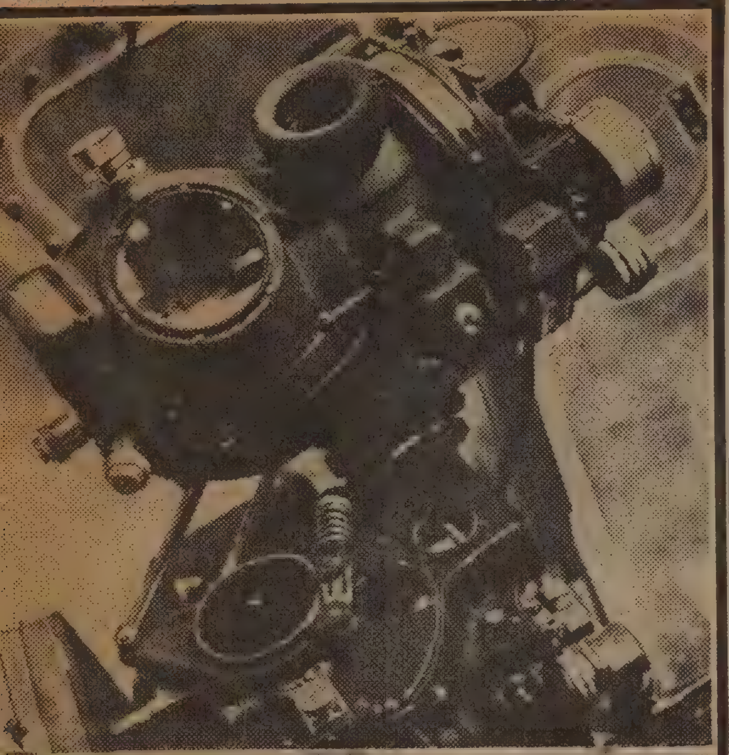
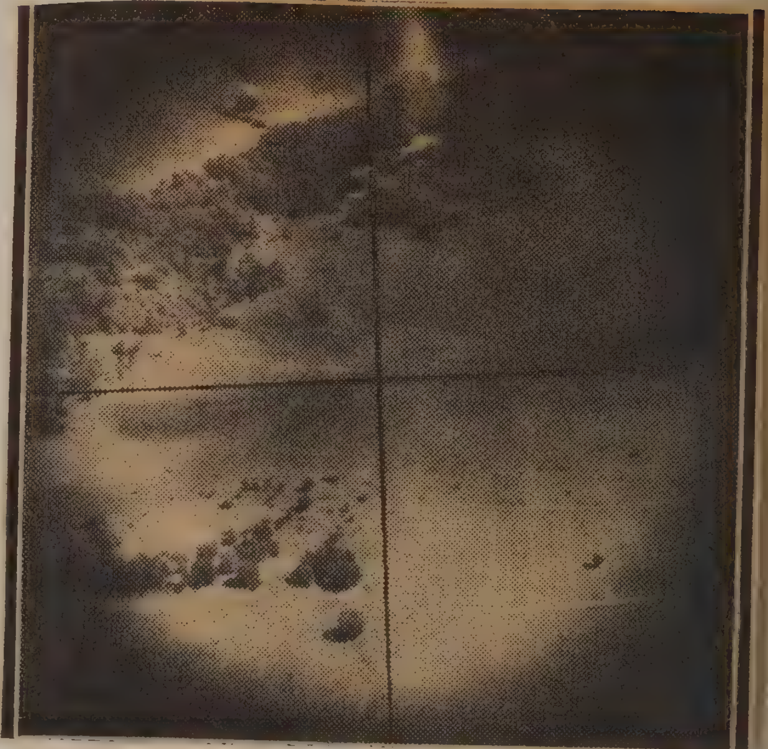
Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

CLIPPING SENT BY DAVID - DEC. 11th





Revealed for the first time is the famous American aerial weapon, the Norden bombsight, which has enabled our Air Forces to strike the centers of enemy strongholds with over a million tons of strategic bombing. With the Air Forces smashing forward in the Pacific, the Norden bombsight has helped make good the promise to deliver the Philippines from the Japanese. Manila harbor was sighted in October, and on Nov. 24 Superfort bombardiers saw Tokyo come up in the bombsight telescope. In Europe, the very heart of the Na
pierced for the first time by U.S. on Mar. 4, 1944, when Be
the weight of our bombs.

Pictured above (top, down) are: Closeup of the famous bo
The lower half is the stabilizer, containing the horizontal gy
maintaining azimuth control. The vertical gyroscope, which s
the telescope, and the range-computing apparatus are conta
the lower half. The rubber eyepiece on the telescope prevents injury to the bombardier. The bombardier sights the target through the telescope and sets up correct range. Beneath is a view of what appears in the telescope. Until "Bombs away!" the bombardier controls the ship through an automatic pilot.

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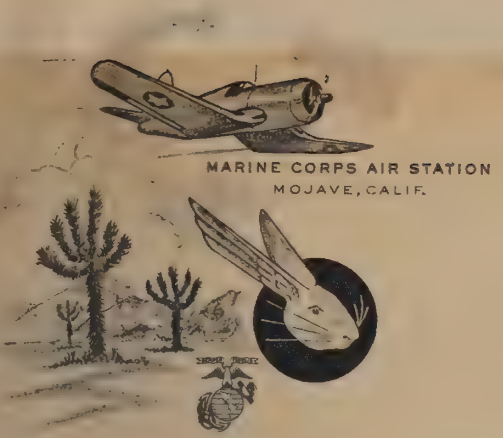

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
MOJAVE, CALIF.

DECEMBER 11,1944

DEAR MOM,

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IV'E EVER WRITTEN TO YOU IN TOWN SO I HOPE IT GETS TO YOU ALL RIGHT.THE OTHER DAY I MANAGED TO GET THE FAMILY PRESENTS OFF AND IT'S A RELIEF TO SAY THE LEAST.I HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS EVEN IF WE,YOUR SONS,ARE SO FAR AWAY.NEXT YEAR WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO ALL WE WANT TO FOR OUR MOTHERS ON A DAY THAT IS ESPECIALLY DEAR TO THEM AND THE FAMILY.AND MY ISN'T IT-BE- GETTING BIG.THAT'S WONDERFUL ABOUT DAVE AND IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE HE'LL BE HOME AGAIN.

ITS SORT OF A FUNNY CHRISTMAS FOR ME OUT IN THIS DESERT BUT I DONT MIND A BIT.AS LONG AS I CAN BE HOME NEXT YEAR.WILL YOU GET ME A COUBLE OF THE SWEATERS THAT THE WORKERS MAKE IN TOWN.IT'S NOT WARM IN THIS PART OF SUNNY CALIFORNIA. I WILL GET SOME PICTURES MADE FOR YOU SOON.KAY KAYSER WILL BE HERE A WEEK FROM WEDNESDAY AND THAT'S ONE SHOW THAT WILL SEE ME IN THE FRONT ROW.HOW I MISS ALL OF YOU.REMEMBER OUR WONDERFUL TRIPS IN TOWN JUST ABOUT THIS TIME?I'LL WRITE VERY SOON AGAIN.

LOVE,

Peter

SGT.PETER J. BENTON
HQ.SQ. M.A.G.-51
MCAS MOJAVE,CALIF.

AIR 8 MAIL
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MRS. JAY R. BENTON
SURGICAL CUTTING DEPT.
AMERICAN RED CROSS
COMMONWEALTH AVENUE
BOSTON,MASSACHUSETTS

AIR MAIL

WAVERLEY CO-OPERATIVE BANK

Belmont, Mass., Dec. 2, 1944.

Dear Sir:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Bank on Monday evening, December 11th. at 8 p. m.

It is hoped that you will be able to be present.

Respectfully yours,
WALTER E. BORIGHT,
Treasurer.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY 4178-A

RECEIPT

B BOSTON MASS DEC 11 1944 19
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Received from JAY R BENTON $ 25.00

TWENTY FIVE AND NO/100------------ Dollars in payment of:

☐ Account for the month of 19

☑ Telegraphic Money Order

☐ Telegram or Cable

☐ Deposit on Collect Telegram
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For Remittance

To SGT PETER BENTON

At MOJAVE CALIFORNIA

MONEY ORDER CHARGES PAID $.74/100

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY
By Hughes

GUILDHALL

Inquiry of Dec.11th 1944

"Where is Round Mountain ? "

Round Mountain lies on the West side of the so called North Road, Town of Guildhall, Vt.(a little North-West of the late John Boyce farm) elevation 2,223 ft. this mountain is about due north of Burnside Mt. which is 2,524 ft. Cutler Brook lies on the North side of Round Mt., Burnside Brook on the south.

(Believe it or not)

and rested. 6.30 Dinner. Roast Ham -
Creamed Potatoes - Cabbage - Bread -
Milk - Custard and Sliced Bananas
Mary out for dinner + Xmas shopping
John took me in the car at 8. Left
a dozen tangerines with Mother -
to Directors' meeting at the
Waverley Cooperative Bank -
Rode home with Billy Neville -
to bed at 9.45 +

Boston, along with the rest of New England was being lashed today by a northeaster of gale proportions, with torrential rain and winds from 50 to 60 miles velocity, causing widespread damage, disrupting traffic by land and air, impairing light and power services and closing schools in many sections.

Tuesday, December 12th 1944
It rained very hard all night
Slept late and Frances down for a
snuggle in a dark morning — For
breakfast - orange juice - Wheat germ -
Broiled Mackerel - toast - Iced Coffee.
With Frances in the car to Cushing Square
To order flowers for Charles Wheeler's
funeral + to the Square - Subway —
office - Everett Lane in But his cold
still bad - Work - at 11 to the Boston
Safe re securities in the Hill Estate —
Office - out at 12, Subway to Harvard
Square - to St. Clairs for lunch. Eggs
a la King on toast - Carrots - Milk —
Tangerine + Met Frances in front of
Mrs. Augusta's + Starting to Sleet —
Rode out to the Payson Park Church —
to the funeral of Charles Wheeler +
to the house to get rubbers + umbrella -
to the Square and giving Louise a lift —
Subway to Park St. to Scollay Square +
to Iver Johnson's - a Box of flash Bulbs
and a 620 film + to the office - Leo
Leary back from New York. Real
Estate Committee + Work to 4.30
Home all the way on the cars +

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AIR 6 CENTS MAIL
UNITED STATES OF AME

12 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Had another very long but, "easy", trip today. Really am piling 'em up now! If we keep this pace up (but, we won't - Ha!) I'll be finished before the end of December.

Really am tired this evening - had only two hours sleep last night. Forgive me if this note is extra short. I'll write at much greater length when we get a day off. It's probable that we'll fly again tomorrow.

A letter from Mrs. Flemming in Dublin was the only mail for the day.

See you soon!

Dearest love to all –

Dave

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David Benton
st Lt. D.C.

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1944-1945

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ALUMNI SECRETARY
MISS GERTRUDE E. STARKS
THE ALUMNI OFFICE
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

December 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Benton:

Thank you for your note telling me about the New England Dinner. I thought the menus were beautiful. Several people have suggested that I have one framed and I think that's not such a bad idea.

I shall certainly make up the list of past presidents of the New England Association for you and send it to you just as soon as I can. At present, we are swamped by the Christmas Fund and all other business is temporarily side-tracked. We will get back to normal one of these days and you will find the list in your morning mail.

Sincerely,

Gertrude E. Starks
Alumni Secretary

Mr. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

GES:S

THE PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

December 12, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Thank you very much for sending me the program of the Boston Alumni Dinner. I was sorry to miss the affair, but I had to because I had two engagements in Boston on Friday and Saturday. I also wanted to attend the Exeter-Andover debate and to send out a story about it.

Come over and see us play hockey at the Skating Club Monday evening, January 1, at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday at 2:00 p.m., and 8:00 p.m., this last game being with Andover.

Yours sincerely,

Percy C. Rogers

PCR:C

THE DAVIS LIBRARY
THE PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY

MILDRED M. VROOM, LIBRARIAN

EXETER, N. H.

December 12, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

Thank you very much indeed for the copy of the program and menu of the dinner of the New England Alumni Association. We are very glad to have it for our files and although many from Exeter attended the meeting no one has been thoughtful enough to bring a copy of the program to the library. I understand the meeting was very successful.

Sincerely yours,

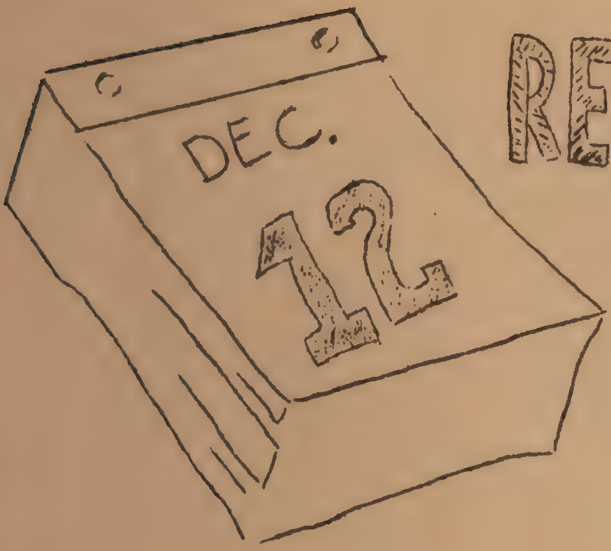
Mildred M. Vroom

MMV:S

Mildred M. Vroom
Librarian

The B.U. Alumni Board of Directors is the governing body for all alumni affairs. As we go, so goes the Alumni Association. It's up to us to provide the leadership !
CFC

Passed this up.



REMINDING YOU:

of the second quarterly meeting of the Boston University Alumni Board of Directors, on Tuesday evening, December 12. The usual time and place--6:00 P.M. at 146 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston.

Dinner (one dollar) will be served; two new directors, George R. Ericson, A'15, and Royal M. Frye, G'34, will be introduced.

We have two important subjects for discussion and action. First: Alumni Day, May 19. Plans will be made, committees appointed, entertainment and speakers discussed, and arrangements started for the biggest reunion we have ever had. (After two years without such a gathering, we should expect an earth-shaking event.) Second: the Campaign Plans for the new CLA building. You will wish to hear and express yourselves concerning our arrangements, and decide what part the alumni will play.

NOW MORE THAN EVER THE ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.

We shall be looking for you on the 12th of December.

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JOHN HANCOCK MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

PAUL F. CLARK, VICE PRESIDENT

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

December 18, 1944

Dear Jay:

Thank you for your much appreciated letter of December 12, as well as your generous comments and good wishes.

While I hardly think I will have the opportunity of serving as many years as you have suggested, I hope I may be able to at least justify the action of our Board and the kind expressions of confidence from so many good friends like yourself.

It will also be my sincere desire to maintain and, if possible, increase the friendly relationship which exists between our two companies. I also hope you will never hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can do that will be mutually helpful, or for the best interests of the business as a whole.

One of these days when you are in our neighborhood, I hope you will come in and have luncheon at our Officers' "round table", where you will always be more than welcome, I assure you.

Sincerely yours,

Paul

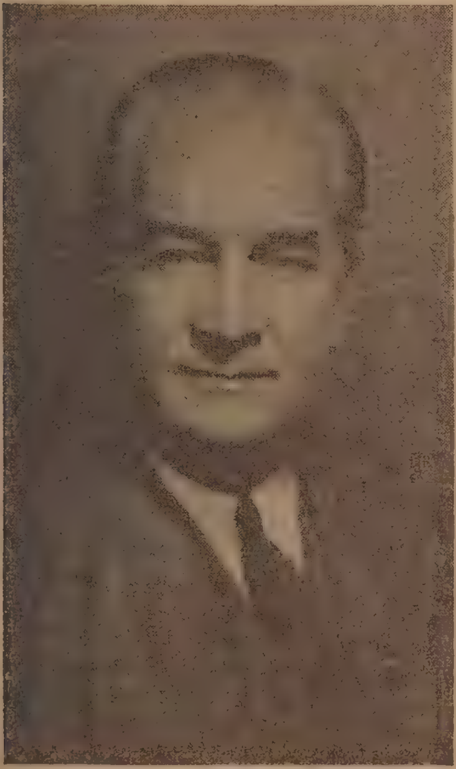
Mr. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
Boston, Massachusetts

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1944

Clark To Head John Hancock Co.

On Dec. 31, 1944, Paul F. Clark Will Become President Of Insurance Company, Succeeding Guy W. Cox, Who Will Become Chairman

Paul F. Clark of Brookline, Mass., has been elected president of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., effective Dec. 31, 1944, it is announced by Guy W. Cox, who will retire as president on that date and will become chairman of the board of directors.



Photograph by Bachrach
PAUL F. CLARK

Mr. Clark, who has been vice president of the John Hancock since 1938 and a member of the board since 1941, was the company's Boston general agent for 17 years. His John Hancock career began as an agent in Baltimore, where he was the company's leader in production. Later he became associate state agent at Baltimore. Throughout the 17 years of its existence his general agency in Boston led the entire John Hancock company in production.

Nationally prominent in life insurance circles, President-elect Clark served in 1929 as president of the National Association of Life Underwriters. In 1937-38 he was president of the John Hancock General Agents Association. He has been a trustee of the American College of Life Underwriters ever since it was organized in 1927 and was president of the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters in 1934-35.

Mr. Clark attended Staunton Military Academy in Virginia and Dennison University in Ohio and was graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is very active in civic affairs, at present serving as a vice president and director of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, as a trustee of Northeastern University, New England Baptist Hospital and New England Deaconess Hospital. For many years he has been prominent in Y.M.C.A. work, at present serving as a member of the International Committee of the Y.M.C.A. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and holds membership in many clubs, including The Country Club of Brookline, the Algonquin Club and the University of Pennsylvania Club of New England.

His home is in Brookline, Mass. and he has a summer home at Bald Peak Colony Club, Melvin Village, N. H., of which he is past-president.

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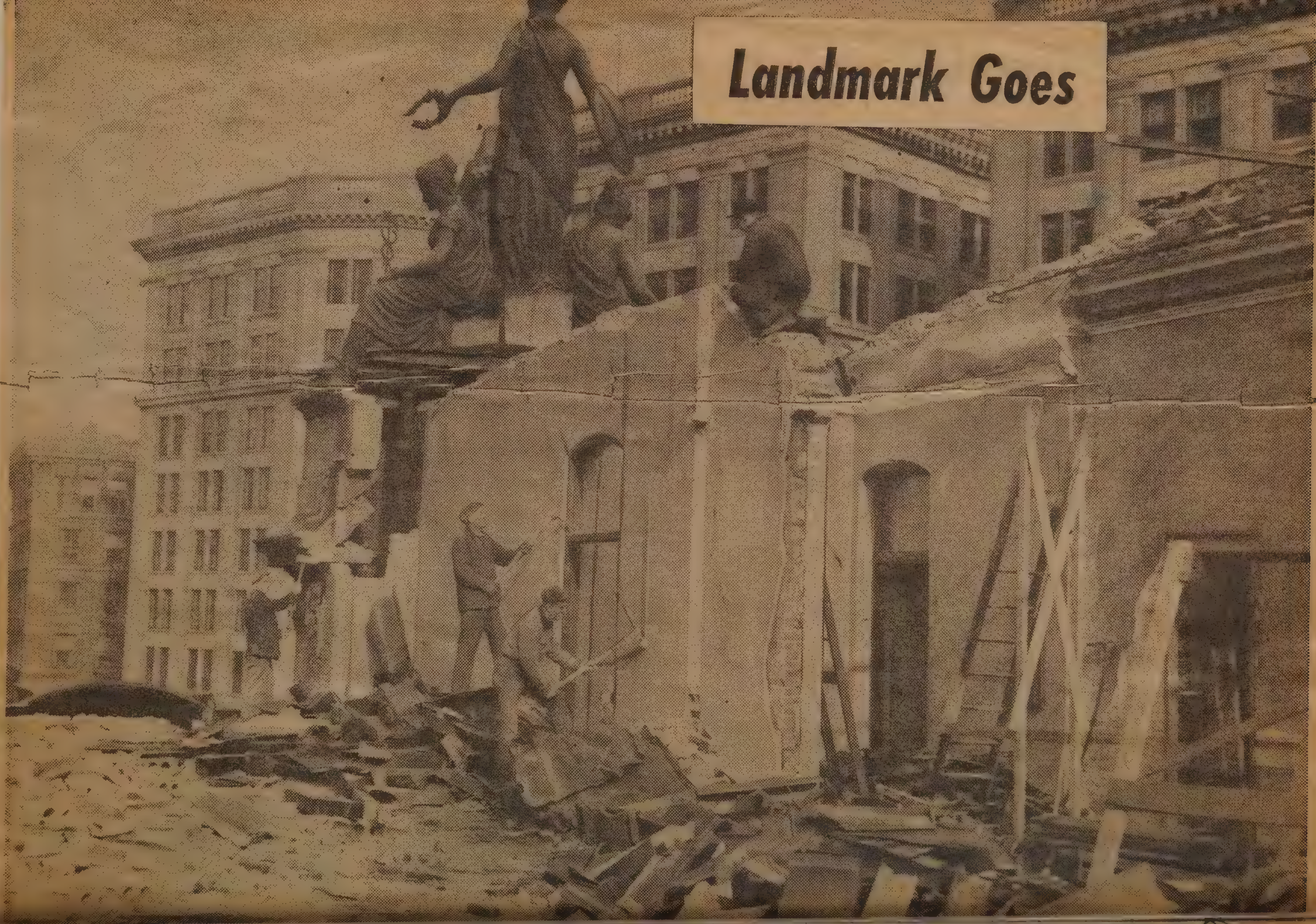

Boon to Scrap Drive—Workmen have begun razing the old New England Mutual Building in Post Office sq., with its familiar tower-clock, long a landmark in downtown Boston. Tons of metal are expected to be salvaged from the building and will be turned over to scrap drive officials for reconversion into war materials.

INP by Louis Teton

Little Living Room. Letters from David, Nicholas and Jeanne - also the Christmas cards are starting to arrive + Dinner at 6.30. Vegetable Soup. Broiled Schrod. Baked Potato - Spinach + Kale. Rolls. Milk - a little apple pie and blue cheese - Upstairs at 7.10 +

At 8.30 Karl Hayes called up to tell me that a terrific windstorm had hit Guildhall this morning and did considerable damage to the cottage -

A half hour later much banging at the front door - special delivery - a giant hand painted caricature Christmas card from Nicholas.

The storm Monday which buried the Middle West and points South under snow and caused heavy wind damage struck the North Country Monday night and yesterday. There was a considerable snowfall in Lancaster, a low barometer reading, but not the heavy winds that lashed East Lancaster and nearby towns. The Groveton schools were closed yesterday due to the storm.

The large barn on the Bell farm, formerly known as the Mahurin farm, in Northumberland was de-roofed and wires were down. Other property owners in Coos County towns report damage due to winds.

Wednesday, December 13th 1947
Colder today - For breakfast - Orange juice - Wheat Germ - Potted Egg on Corn Beef Hash - Toast - Iced Coffee - Called Moody and he came with his Car at 8.40 - So to Allston & then to the office - Work and out at 12 - Quite cold - Walked way out to the Hotel Statler - Lunch at the Cafe Rouge - Turkey - a. la - King on toast - Mixed Fresh Vegetables + Roll - Milk - Tangerine - to Paine's - bought a Blue flower Vase for Frances + to Carbone's (Haus Leaby.) bought a dozen glasses for Frances - to Hatche's looking for a hanging Vase - but no luck - to Krey's Music Shop - for Ampico Rolls - but nothing I wanted - to the Old Corner Book Store - but no English Xmas Magazines in yet - to Indan's but Enlargements of David for Jeanne - not ready - to Bigelow's on Bromfield St - a special Xmas Card for Frances - to Eastman's Kodak for a Box of Flash Bulbs - So back to the office - Work to 4.40. Then with Moody and Mansfield - to Allston - then home. Little

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13 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

We didn't fly today so I had a good chance to sleep – and did so – fifteen hours worth!

Its has been very foggy all day – and still is. Don't think we'll fly tomorrow.

The mail situation is still bad – we were all "letter-less" again today.

Winter is really with us now. Much of Germany seems to be pretty well covered with snow. The cold weather doesn't affect us too much – summer or winter, its always extremely cold in the sub-stratosphere—from 30° to 40° below is hardly a [illegible] noticeable change.

Most of my recent missions have been very long trips. Not much like the "old days" when we could count on a short jaunt to Bremen every once in a while.

We have a pass (48 hr.) coming up on Sunday. Have a hunch it may be our last one before finishing. Hope so!

Dearest love to all,

Dave

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Mr. & Mrs. Jas. R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

1,600 Heavies Hit Reich

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SENT
BY
DAVID -
DEC. 13.
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Raid Sets Mark; 15th AF Also Out

The largest force of heavy bombers ever dispatched in daylight on a single mission by the Eighth Air Force—1,600 Fortresses and Liberators, convoyed by more than 800 Mustangs and Thunderbolts—comprised the bulk of approximately 3,500 warplanes of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces hurled against German targets Monday.

Manned by 16,800 airmen, more than 2,400 heavies and pursuits of the Eighth flew across the Rhine to smash rail centers in western Germany, while upward of 1,000 heavy bombers and fighters of the 15th, based in Italy, blasted rail and industrial objectives in Vienna and Austria.

Early unofficial reports indicated the Eighth lost 12 bombers and two fighters.

Unopposed by enemy fighter opposition, Eighth heavies struck at Frankfurt and Giessen, 35 miles to the north, and Hanau, just east of Frankfurt. All bombing was done through heavy clouds by means of instruments.

Big Air Mission Means 622 Millions in Planes

EIGHTH AF HQ, England, Dec. 11—This is what is involved in an "ordinary" mission to Germany by 1,500 heavy bombers and 900 fighters:

Crews total 15,900 men; planes' value is more than $622,700,000; aircraft form a column 100 miles long; engines pulling planes generate 7,518,000 horsepower, equal to output of four Boulder Dams; enough gas is consumed to take 15,200 passenger autos from New York to San Francisco; the 21,200 50-cal. machine-guns, if placed at 50-foot intervals, would form a line of fire 200 miles long.

All three rail targets are links in the enemy communications lines in the supply and reinforcement of the Western Front, situated on main lines of supply between the principal industrial centers of northwest and central Germany and the German defenses in the sectors facing the U.S. First and Third Armies.

The Eighth's tremendous attack was carried out between 11 AM and noon. Flak was generally light.

Meanwhile, the 15th's Forts and Libs pounded the Mossbierbaum oil refinery, 22 miles northwest of Vienna, and rail yards at Graz in southern Austria. Ordnance depots in Vienna also were hit.

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December 13, 1944.

Jay R. Benton, Esquire
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:-

It was very nice of you to drop me a note about the Exeter Dinner. I feel it was successful, and no small part of it was due to the cheerful help which you gave me at all times. Thank you very much for it.

It may be that I have established a paragraph for future presidents to bring into their introductory remarks at the Dinner,- and I refer to my words about your speech before the students at Exeter on Alumni Day last Spring. It should enable us to carry on a tradition of reminiscences about the Old School, and your speech of that day will be our starting point. You see it gave me something on which to hang some of my remarks, and if I can get a story or two worthy of your genius in that line, I shall brush them up for next year's Dinner.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Ray

RWL:MMC

December 13, 1944

M. Steinert & Sons
162 Boylston Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The starting apparatus on the record playing side of my Magnavox is out of order and I would appreciate your sending your repair man out to put it in shape in time for Christmas.

Yours very truly,

Jay R. Benton

3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Mass.

JRB:BCC

Living Room - A fire burning on the hearth -. Dinner - Vegetable Soup. A large delicious sirloin steak - french fried potatoes. Cauliflower — French Bread - Milk - Lettuce Salad - Grape fruits Orange Compote Upstairs at 7.15 +

Lt. Benton Gets 4th Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

First Lieutenant David Benton of 3 Pequossette Road, of the 8th Army Air Force, has been awarded a fourth Bronze Oak Leaf cluster.

★ FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID BENTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Benton of 3 Pequossette rd. who is with the Eighth Army Air Force, has been awarded a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal.

Thursday, December 14th 1944

Up betimes and for breakfast — orange juice - wheat germ - fried eggs & Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee - to the Square with Frances - Subway - Office - Frank Ball called to say he is getting through as president of the Arlington Gas & associated Companies - Subway to Copley Square - to meeting of Board of Directors of the Arlington Gas Co - Subway to Park - to Jordans & got enlargements of David to send Jeanne - To Brecks - Bought large Bag of Bird Seed - also Windowsill Bulb set. Office - Out at 12. Dining Places Packed - finally found a table at the Hotel Avery. - Chicken a la King on toast - Roll - Cool Coffee. Green Peas. Tangerine - to Jordans - Bought 2 nightgowns for Frances - also a Charles of the Ritz Set - to Filene's - Bought for her a bottle of L'Origan Perfume. Walked down to the State Street Trust Co - met Walter Bought - put Bonds in for the Waverley Cooperative Bank Back to the office - worked to 5.40 then walked up to the Union Club —

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Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton

14 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

Another day of very bad weather and no flying. Now that I'm almost finished, I have very little ground school to keep me occupied so days like this are pretty dull.

I had two v-mail letters today, one from Jeanne and the other from Dad Foster. The last air mail I received was dated Nov. 20!

I think I forgot to tell you that on my last said I won a fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to my Air Medal.

Our 48 hour pass starts this coming Sunday. I will probably go back to Manchester.

Tonight's "Stars & Stripes" tells of big snowstorms in the States. Did you have much of a fall in Belmont? ("I'm dreaming of a white Xmas!")

There is a chance of the weather clearing for tomorrow. Sure could use another mission.

Dearest love to all,
Dave

d Benton 0-771886
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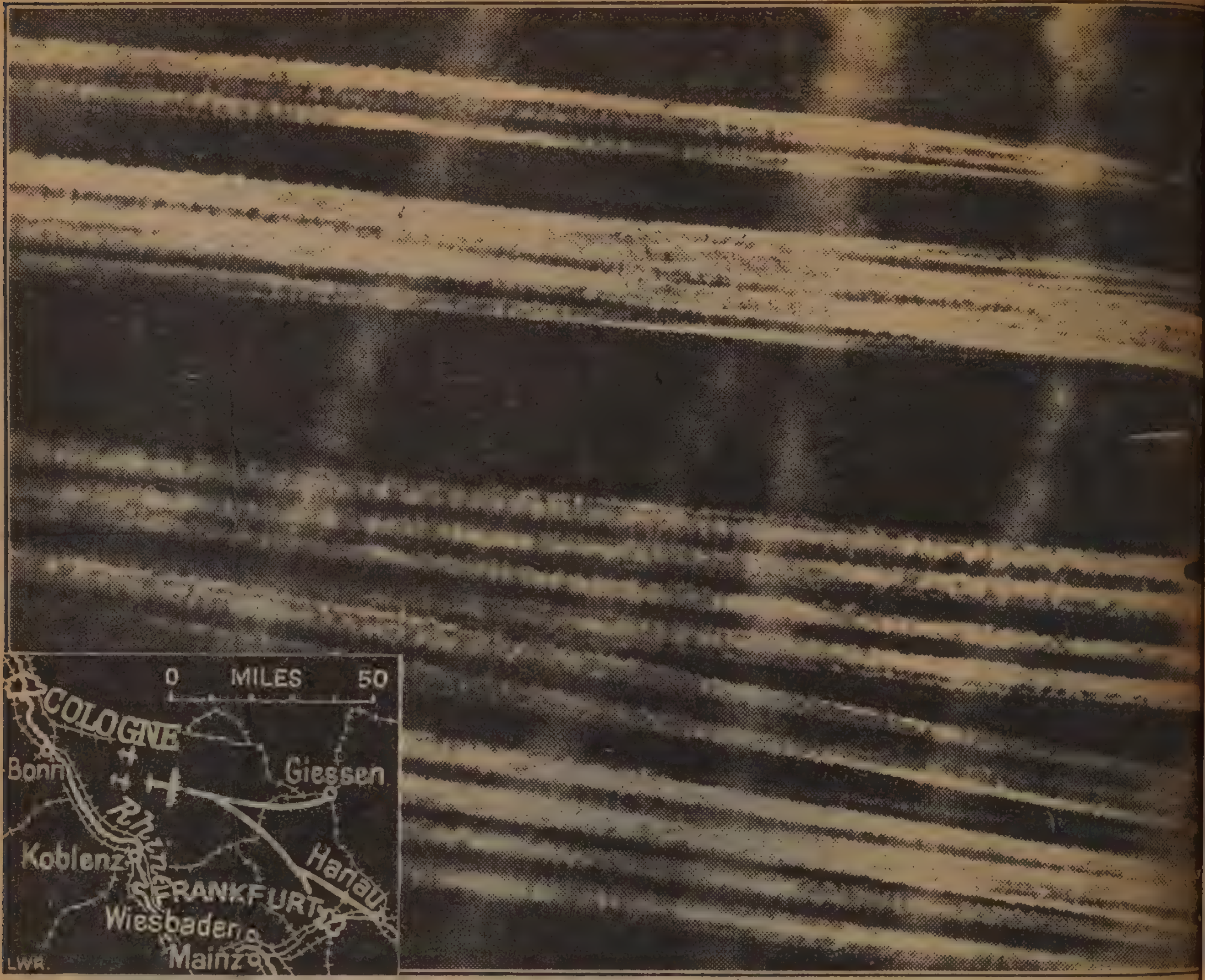
Benton

Record Bomber Force Flies Against Reich



U.S. Army Air Force

Contrails crisscrossing German skies emphasize the force of heavy bombers patched by the Eighth Air Force Monday in a smashing attack upon rail cente the Reich. It was the largest single-mission force in daylight, and comprised bulk of approximately 3,200 warplanes of USSTAF—which embraces the 15th Force as well—flung against Germany. Map inset shows the area attacked, in ing Hanau, whose railyards were again pounded Monday.

CLIPPINGS
SENT
BY
DAVID
DEC. 14th

1,250 U.S. Heavie Hit Reich Again

Following up the previous day's terrific assault on rail objectives i Reich, more than 2,000 U.S. heavy bombers and fighters for the se straight day hammered rail objectives in the Frankfurt area Tuesday well as the Leuna synthetic-oil plant near Merseburg.

Meantime, it was disclosed that all of the synthetic-oil plants in Ruhr now had been knocked out of production by Allied bombing.

Upward of 1,250 Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth Air Force, covered by approximately 900 Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings of both the Eighth and Ninth, were dispatched Tuesday.

In addition, an unspecified number of Forts and Libs of the 15th Air Force, based in Italy, carried out an attack in bad weather on the Blechhammer oil refinery in southern Silesia.

Early unofficial reports indicated Eighth lost nine bombers and 11 fig some of which were believed to landed in friendly territory. There no enemy fighter opposition.

One of the few remaining synthetic-oil plants in Germany, Leuna plant, which covers one-square in area, has been bombed 18 times b Eighth. Yesterday's attack was through overcast, bombardiers emp "electronic eye" instruments.

December 14, 1944

Hon. William T. A. Fitzgerald
43 Buswell Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Billy:

Some time since I sent you a formal Christmas Card, which I now desire to supplement with a personal word of holiday greetings. My old friend for lo these many years, I certainly trust that your arthritis has eased up and you are your old self again. The years slip by so rapidly it is hard for us to realize that we are not as supple as we were once upon a time.

It seems like yesterday that we went year after year on the Law School outings and thought nothing of spending hours running around on the baseball diamond at the Villa Napoli in the hot sun. Those were great days -- the memories so golden that they have prompted me to wish you an extra special Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cheerfully yours,

Jas. R. Barton

JRB:BCC

December 14, 1944

Mr. Francis L. Ball
45 Fresh Pond Lane
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Frank:

I appreciate your calling me this morning. It was considerable of a shock for me to learn that you had decided to partly retire. Those quarterly meetings with you were very pleasant occasions for me and it is not going to be the same if you are not there. It may be you will sit in as vice president. I certainly hope so.

In the meantime, you have my very best regards and best wishes.

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

December 14, 1944

Hon. George F. Short
1301 N.W. 19th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear George:

Charlie McGlue has just called me up and conveyed your message of good wishes. It certainly was good to hear from you -- and I am pleased to reciprocate by sending mine both to you and to your good wife, the gracious hostess to Judge Lane and to me when we were in your home town in May 1936. What a fine gang we had together in those Attorneys General Conventions. Sad to say, time has taken its toll. Napier, Spillman have gone, perhaps others. McGlue says you are as full of pep as ever and I guess I am.

Let's hope our paths cross very soon. If you ever get to Boston we will give you a time -- believe you me. In the meantime -- here's the Merriest of Christmases for you and your family and a fine year in 1945.

Your Old Friend,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

ARLINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

Notice of Special Meeting in lieu of the Regular Meeting of Directors

Boston, Massachusetts
December 8, 1944

To the Directors

Arlington Gas Light Company:

You are hereby notified that a Special Meeting in lieu of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Arlington Gas Light Company will be held in the Directors Room, 11th floor, 441 Stuart Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on Thursday, December 14, 1944, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting.

Ralph D. Washburn

Clerk

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

BOSTON

November 30, 1944

THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The President has called a meeting of the Executive and Advisory Committees to be held at the Union Club Thursday Evening, December 14, 1944 at 6 o'clock for the purpose of making plans for the Annual Lincoln Night Dinner and to transact any other business that may be presented.

Your presence is requested.

Please return the enclosed postal card.

WM Hunt

WMH/m

Treasurer

Enclosure

JOHN WEST

11 Foster Street
Worcester, Mass—
14 December 1944

Dear Jay,

I had the mostest and bestest belly-
laughs last night reading your "Xmas
Annual" that I've ever had — and I just
inished "Try and Stop me" too. Thanks ever
o much for your kind remembrance and the
un you gave Mattie and me.

Some that you mentioned — Seth
ano, F.H. Van Orman and others are old friends
mine and that spiced my interest. I recently
eard that Jimmie Knox passed on, poor fellow.

I can well imagine that the brain
wister "what became of the extra dollar" had the
neighborhood slightly balmy. I gave the problem

to our three girl cashiers when I came to the Office this morning. This noon they all had that far-away look in their eyes so I'm asking our Asst. Treas. to count the money tonight.

Mattie joins me in the season's Greetings to you and yours and best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,

John

Attended dinner meeting of the Executive Committee of the Middlesex Club - a real good time. Joe Locke gave me a lift home -

Friday, December 15, 1944

Learned today that John is out of the army having been honorably discharged on physical grounds → Up at the usual time and tired because of last night's party. For breakfast. Orange juice - Creamed codfish on Toast - Moody came with his car at 8.40 - to Allston and then the Office - Out at 12.30 with Everett Lane - to the Country Plate in the Little Building. Filet of Sole. Tartar Sauce - Lyonnaise Potatoes - Peas. Cool Coffee. Orange & Grape fruit slices - to Tyson's for Theatre tickets - had none - to the Shubert - they had some. to the Boston Music Co. Bought another album - Selections from Victor Herbert by Andre Kostalanitz. to S.S. Pierce's and ordered Christmas goods for Frances. Back to the office - Work to 4.45 - then with Moody and Mansfield - to Allston - a stop at Griffin's - Home. Little Living Room. Dinner Clam Chowder - Roll - Asparagus Tip Salad. Milk - Banana Short Cake - Upstairs at 7.15 - Mary out to dinner with Mary Norton.

OLSEN & JOHNSON

LAFFING ROOM ONLY!

Lucas-Pritchard
N.Y.

The MESSRS. SHUBERT and OLSEN & JOHNSON

present

Olsen & Johnson

IN

Laffing Room Only

with

FRANK LIBUSE · BETTY GARRETT

MATA & HARI WILLIE, WEST & McGINTY KATHRYN LEE
ETHEL OWEN PAT BREWSTER IDA JAMES

FRED WARING'S GLEE CLUB

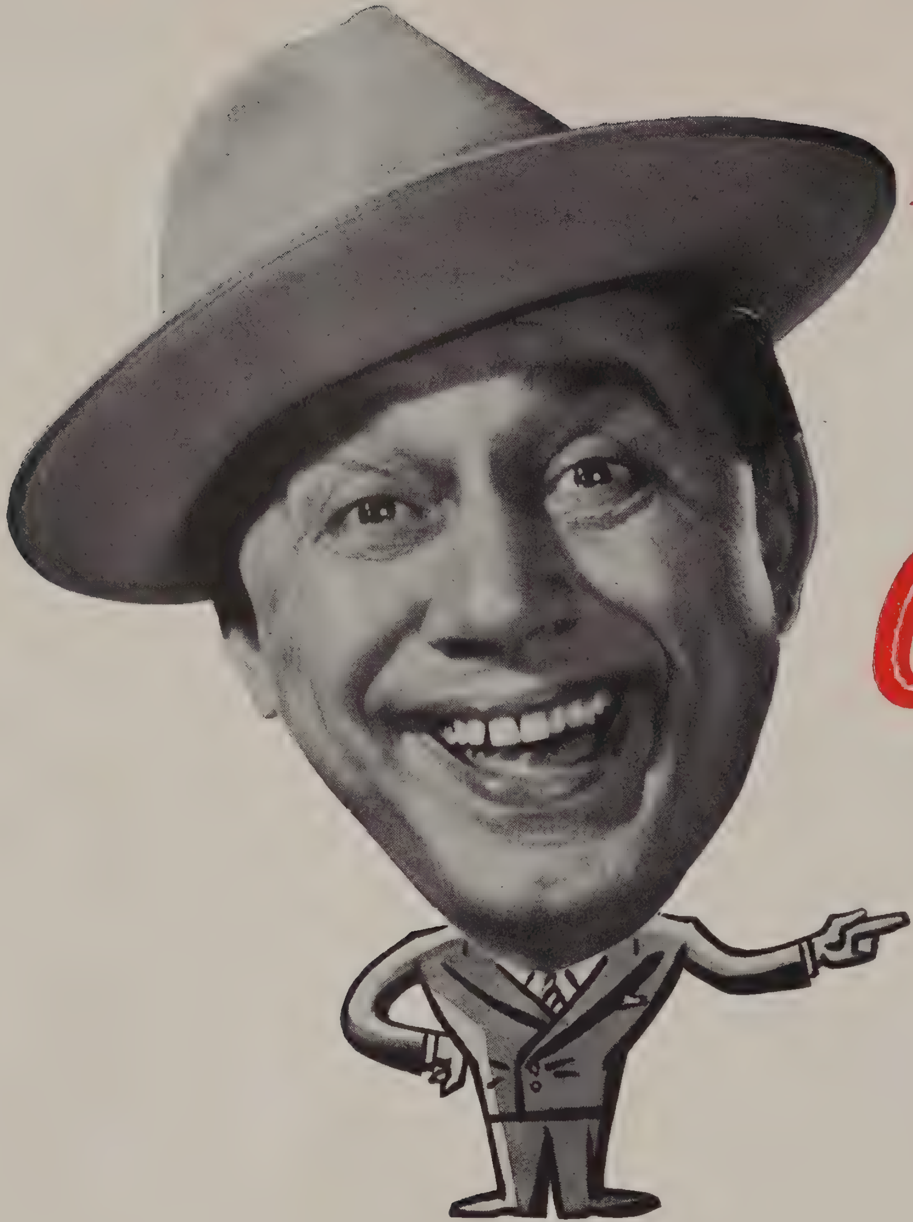
Dances Directed by
ROBERT ALTON

Production Designed by
STEWART CHANEY

Book by OLSEN & JOHNSON and EUGENE CONRAD
Music and Lyrics by BURTON LANE
Comedy Directed by EDWARD CLINE
Costumes Designed by BILLY LIVINGSTON

Production Supervised by
HARRY A. KAUFMAN

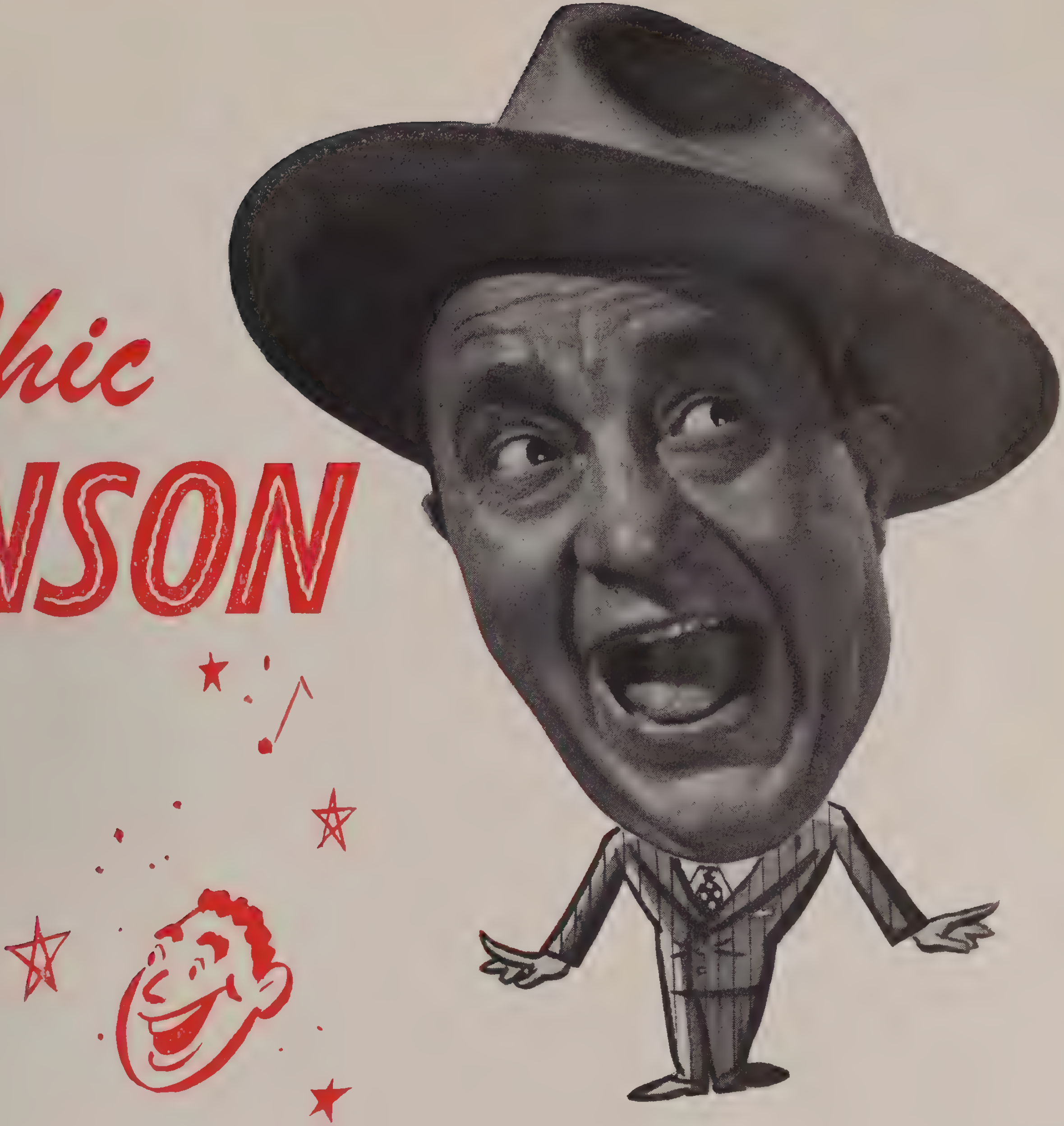
Staged by
JOHN MURRAY ANDERSON



Ole OLSEN an

"Laffing Room Only!" is a grand climax in the careers of Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson. Their most lavish, elaborate, and hilarious show is the culmination of a 30-year-old partnership,—a persistently friendly affiliation that is practically a record in show business. On November 28, 1914, in a music publisher's office in Chicago, Harold Ogden Johnson, a chubby Chicagoan who was ragtime pianist for a tiny-time duo, was strumming on the keyboard, wondering where he was going to find a partner. In walked a brash young man named John Sigvard Olsen, of Peru, Indiana, fresh out of Northwestern University, and part of an act called "The College Four", which was playing the Loop rathskellers for small change. Olsen was violinist, singer, ventriloquist. He needed a pianist. Someone introduced him to Johnson. "Neither of us had more than $14 in our pockets", says Ole, "but to hear us talk you would have thought we were each big time." Olsen swears he was most impressed by Johnson's right hand on the piano, the most powerful he ever saw. Johnson fell in love with Olsen's high yellow bulldog shoes and the way he could imitate the busy signal on the telephone. They got along famously, decided their other partners were unnecessary, and made their first public appearance together, impromptu, at the vanished North American Cafe on Chicago's State Street, which then boasted the biggest baked potatoes in town. Their method of getting a hearing was simple — and effective. They rolled a piano onto the floor of the club during the show, and went into their act, unknown to and unheralded by the manage-

Chic OHNSON



ment. The manager moved menacingly forward, but the patrons were already laughing: O & J stayed. Came then their first vaudeville bookings on the Keith-Orpheum circuit, when they blithely billed themselves as "Two Likeable Lads Loaded With Laffs." O & J were the first actors to use a "stooge". Once while another act on the same bill was going laboriously through a song entitled "Rollin' Stones", the comics rolled onstage a huge papier-mache boulder they had built. The audience howled, the act was forced to like it, the management told them to keep the stunt in, and soon O & J were slyly horning their way into every act they were booked with, or persuading other vaudevillians to do stunts to them. Soon the put-upon performers demanded extra pay, and O & J decided it was simpler to hire regular clowns. So began the first "unit" shows in history,—and from their unit, built up over 24 years of industrious treking back and forth across the land, Olsen and Johnson have always had a show. "Hellzapoppin" was their unit, geared for an hour's show in film houses, expanded for Broadway by adding new acts and girls. "Sons O' Fun", though, was an entirely new show, and cost 10 times as much. "Laffing Room Only!" represents their biggest venture to date. In between times, during the five straight years they were on Broadway since 1938, and last season on tour, they have made such popular film comedies as "Hellzapoppin", "Crazy House", "The Ghost Catchers", and "See My Lawyer".

JOHN MURRAY ANDERSON

John Murray Anderson has been producing or directing lavish musical productions for Bro way since "Greenwich Village Follies" of 1919. To name his other production assignme would be to list a half hundred musical extravaganzas including recent editions of "Ziegf Follies."

"The formula which was formerly used to soothe the tired business man," says Anderson,' now used to soothe the tired soldier on furlough, the war workers, our lady welders and riveter Comedy and beauty are his antidotes for war headlines.

This finds Mr. Anderson very much at home in an Olsen and Johnson musical, for it is credo that laughter can save lives.

"The Government well understands the therapeutic value of laughter in war time," says "otherwise it would not spend so much time transporting stars of stage and screen to all the f away military bases."

Besides the Broadway stage, Mr. Anderson has directed for the screen, for the circus, wa shows and night clubs. Some of his other Broadway shows are the "Music Box Revue," "Dear Enemy," "Hello, Daddy," "Almanac," "Life Begins at 8:40," "Thumbs Up," "Jumbo," and "C for the Money."

He was born in Newfoundland, son of the Hon. John Anderson and Genevieve Lyon, a w known art dealer.

FRED WARING GLEE CLUB

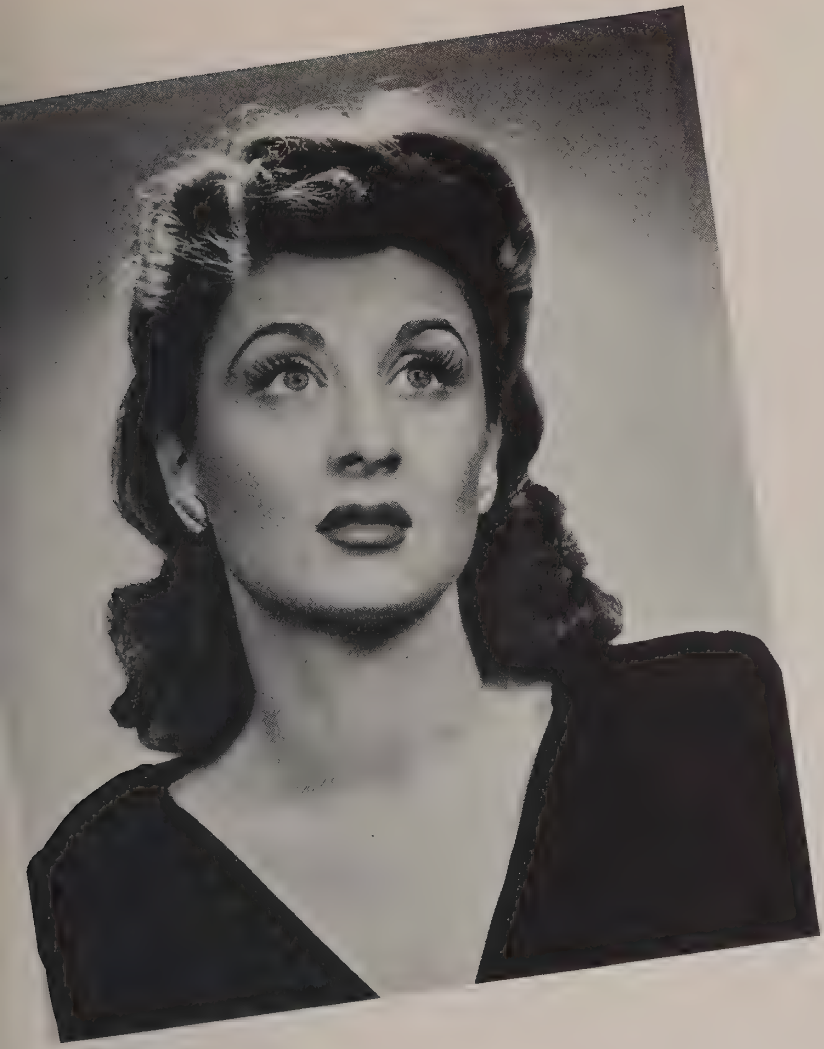
Few stage bands have had so steadily popular a hold on the public as Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. In late years, with the trend in popular music away from the swing and jitterbug to the sweet, Fred Waring has built up the vocal section of his orchestra, until his Glee Club has become a feature of his group noted for itself. Bandleader Waring and Olsen and Johnson have been friends and associates for many years, and to give the handsome musical score of "Laffing Room Only!" greater emphasis, Fred Waring has personally selected and trained a choir of sixteen male and four feminine voices, who form an integral part of the show. Born in Tyrone, Pa., as a child Fred Waring was interested in music, his enthusiasm kindled by his musical family. He studied architectural engineering at Penn State College, of which his great-great-grandfather was one of the founders. His active participation in college musical activities prompted him to give up his career and take over the management of a band already organized as "The Pennsylvanians". Over a period of two decades it has grown into one of the finest musical groups in the land. Waring was the first orchestra leader to have a girl singer, the first to emphasize the importance of a glee club and choral singing. Waring's Pennsylvanians have been featured in several films, including the still popular "Varsity Show", and they have been active in radio since 1933. Waring's five years on the Chesterfield program five times a week was voted the most popular quarter-hour in radio for five consecutive years by radio editors' annual poll. At present his orchestra and Glee Club broadcast on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on the Blue Network for the Owens, Ill. Glass Company.

FRANK LIBUSE

Frank Libuse is enjoying his third year with Olsen and Johnson with whom he was featured in "Sons O' Fun" for two seasons in New York and one on tour. The former Chicago waiter, who used to make his living by insulting his father's customers, then make them laugh, has played an "up front" role in the O & J shenanigans, getting a lion's share of the laughs, from the day the two comedy stars first laid their innocent eyes on him.

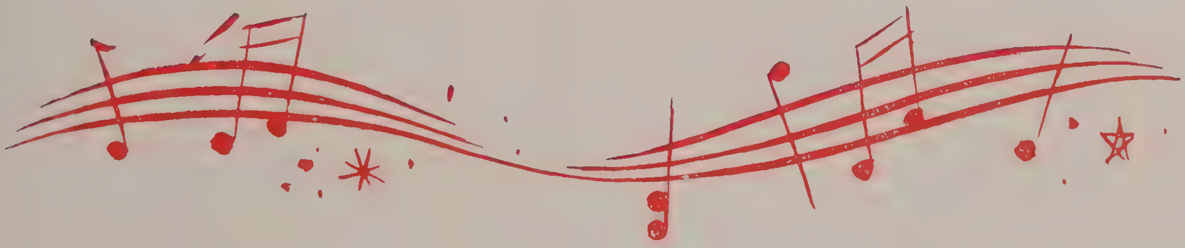
Libuse, born Frantisek Belohlavek, had been cultivating his capacity for mixing practical jokes with the meals he served until he worked it into a well-balanced routine that netted him divers theatrical engagements and a Command Performance during the coronation year of George VI while he was performing at the Palladium in London. He has played one of his pranks as well on Anthony Eden and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Farley. In America O. O. McIntyre once devoted an entire column to Libuse's antics, and he has been in demand at banquets and night clubs ever since. Libuse's success was so definite it launched an epidemic of similar characters who annoy unsuspectng diners.

He is, naturally, a keen student of psychology; has to be so he can instantly evaluate a person and anticipate his or her reactions to the next trick he has up his sleeve. Language means nothing to him because his pantomime speaks for itself.



BETTY GARRETT

Betty Garrett is the pert, pretty singing comedienne, who won personal laurels in "Something for the Boys" and in "Jackpot" last season. Her rise from chorus ranks via summer camp theatres and small, independent "youth" theatricals, has been a rapid one. Born in St. Joseph, Mo., educated in Seattle, her start in the entertainment world came when she gave an audition for modern dancer Martha Graham, in 1936, that won here a scholarship at New York's Neighborhood Playhouse. After a year's apprenticeship she joined Miss Graham's group for a season. In 1938 Betty Garrett was an active member of Orson Welles' Mercury Theatre, and was on the latter's celebrated Mars broadcast. The next two summers found her dancing in the "Railroads on Parade" pageant at the World's Fair, and doubling in night clubs. Her first Broadway appearance was in a semi-professional musical entertainment sponsored by American Youth Theatre, where she drew her first commendations from the New York critics. She was "Miss Hollywood" in the intimate musical, "Meet the People," and later, she romped through the musical "Let Freedom Sing."



ROBERT ALTON

Robert Alton has a record of dance creation for top flight musical shows second to none His imaginative choreography has been the hig spot of Broadway shows since 1934, beginnin with "Hold Your Horses," and including such hi productions as the "Ziegfeld Follies" of 1934 1938 and 1943, "Anything Goes," "Life Begin at 8:40," "Red, Hot and Blue," "The Show Is On," "Leave It To Me," Billy Rose's "Aquacades," "To Many Girls," "The Streets of Paris," "Higher and Higher," "Du Barry Was a Lady," "Panama Hattie," "Pal Joey," "By Jupiter," and Olsen and Johnson's last show, "Sons O' Fun."

Between shows Alton has staged routine for Hollywood studios, including Fred Astaire' "You'll Never Get Rich," "Bathing Beauty," and the forthcoming "Ziegfeld Follies." In his last motion picture, "Two-Faced Woman," he taught Garbo to rhumba and danced with her.

A meticulous master of his art, it is nothing for him to choose only eight girls out of auditions of more than five hundred. He used to dance himself and he and his wife were an attractive dance team. Choreography seemed the next natural step.

STEWART CHANEY

Stewart Chaney in a few short years since his graduation from Princeton and his debut into scenic ranks with his settings for the Pulitzer Prize play, "The Old Maid," has risen clear to the top of his field. The young designer has currently to his credit this season the designs for Ethel Barrymore's "Embezzled Heaven"; the George S. Kaufman dramatization of the John P. Marquand "The Late George Apley"; the ballet "The Last Flower" for the International Theatre; and such successful hold-overs from last and other seasons as "Life With Father," "Jacobowsky and the Colonel," and "The Voice of the Turtle," which the N. Y. Drama critics chose as the best setting of the 1944 season. Among Chaney's other accomplishments have been settings for "Blithe Spirit," "The Lady Comes Across," the Leslie Howard "Hamlet," "Dream With Music," and the Danny Kaye film, "Up in Arms."

Laffing Room Only

"Laffing Room Only!" is the latest product of O & J's Fun Factory. Thoroughly audience-wise after 30 years of trouping up and down the land, Olsen and Johnson merrily laugh off an occasional bookish critic's complaint that the team aren't exactly actors. "We've never pretended to be", says Ole. "We're laugh manufacturers. Our shows are a great big party, and we invite the audience to join in. We try our best to entertain them." None is more deadly serious than a comedian planning his jokes, routining his seemingly impromptu gags. The O & J Fun Factory operates a full 365 days a year. O & J have turned laugh-getting into big business, and their plant is as carefully run and supervised as a steel mill or a manufacturing concern. Their supervising board is composed of the most successful men in the business; their department heads are the best and most experienced that money can buy,—nothing is done haphazardly, nothing is left to chance.

In the weeks they were working on the book, casting, and production details of "Laffing Room Only!", to say nothing of such a minor detail as learning their "sides", O & J, for instance, had to face respectively: outfitting a USO-Camp Show capsule version of "Hellzapoppin," the first civilian musical show sent overseas; directing, casting, rehearsing their three-year old "Sons O' Fun" for another 40 weeks on the road; completing a Hollywood commitment with their latest film, "See My Lawyer"; supervising the preparation of a new radio series for a nationwide hook-up; to say nothing of hospital dates, benefits, Canteen appearances. "Actors?" sometimes groans Olsen, "We're an industry!"

Without their Fun Factory, the boys figure, they couldn't do it. But their new show is a high-powered example of every factory department working in harmony and unison. With the element of chance eliminated, there has been no guess-work.

Take the script, for example. When they opened "Hellzapoppin" in New York that fabulous evening of September 22, 1938, they had no script. When it was an instantaneous hit, for copyright purposes they had to hire a public stenographer to sit in the wings during performances and take down what was said. This time, every word has been weighed, measured, and carefully rehearsed. With Eugene Conrad, the boys have whipped up a series of vocal and visual gags. A top comedy writer from the Coast, Conrad insisted on every last comma and period.

Take the music and lyrics. The boys have gone after that scientifically and pathalogically, too. These days, says O & J, the public is on an emotional binge, the war is too close to every heart, and people want to get away from the frenzied and the jitterbug: witness the success of beautiful musical shows like "Bloomer Girl," "Song of Norway," and "Oklahoma!" So, whereas music was heretofore incidental to comedy scenes, used as a stop-gap to give the audience a chance to catch its breath before the next onslaught, in "Laffing Room Only!" it is clearly designed for emphasis on beautiful tunes, haunting melodies, and choral singing, with Burton Lane's music, sung by Fred Waring's Glee Club of 20 voices, trained and supervised by the famous bandleader himself, used as an integral part of the show.

From the directorial standpoint, "Laffing Room Only!" has had three top-notch bosses. Working hand in glove with the leading comics and Eugene Conrad has been Edward Cline, one of the surest masters of slapstick comedy direction Hollywood ever produced. As dialogue director, his job is no easy one: to see that O & J and their assorted funsters top the comedy of their previous shows.

On the dancing end of the show is Robert Alton, whose pre-eminence in the field of Terpsichore has never been challenged. Hollywood only lets Alton come East to do one musical show a year, and O & J feel fortunate he has cast his lot with them. Part of Alton's chore was to hand-pick from over 500 applicants his chorus line of 16. The result is each finalist is not only a natural "cover girl", but a finished ballet, toe, and tap dancer.

To co-ordinate the entire production that includes over 100 persons on the Equity payroll, plus 26 musicians and 30 stagehands, there is John Murray Anderson. The costumes are lush creations of Billy Livingston, and the scenery has taxed the inventive mind of Stewart Chaney.

MATA and HARI

Mata and Hari, satirical dancers, came here from Switzerland with the Trudi Schoop Ballet in 1936, and each year thereafter, limiting their visit to some four months. In 1939 they left the Ballet to join "The Straw Hat Revue," their first American minstrel show. Following this they toured the United States, appearing at the swankier night clubs, such as the Versailles in New York, the Chez Paree in Chicago, and others in this category from coast to coast. They most recently danced in the film version of "Meet the People," with Lucille Ball and Dick Powell.

WILLIE, WEST and McGINT

Willie, West and McGinty, knockabout co
edians, came over from England in 1923
appear in the "Ziegfeld Follies." America t
them to their hearts and here they have been
fourteen years touring the country back and for
Billy Rose engaged them for his "Show of Show
and later they appeared at his "Aquacade"
the N. Y. World's Fair. They returned briefly
England for a turn at the London Palladium. D
ing the past two seasons they have been a stel
act at Earl Carroll's Cafe, in Hollywood, a
most recently they played in Clifford Fische
"Folies Bergere" on the West Coast.

KATHRYN LEE

Kathryn Lee, ballerina, is a native of Fort Worth, Tex., and appeared in 28 operetta productions in nearby Dallas before she saw the lights of Broadway. Since her arrival here two seasons ago, she has been the ballerina of Vincent Youman's Ballet Revue; of the New Opera Company's "Helen Goes to Troy," and soloist at Radio City Music Hall. She is a protege of Leonine Massine, who won her a scholarship at the School for the American Ballet.

ETHEL OWEN

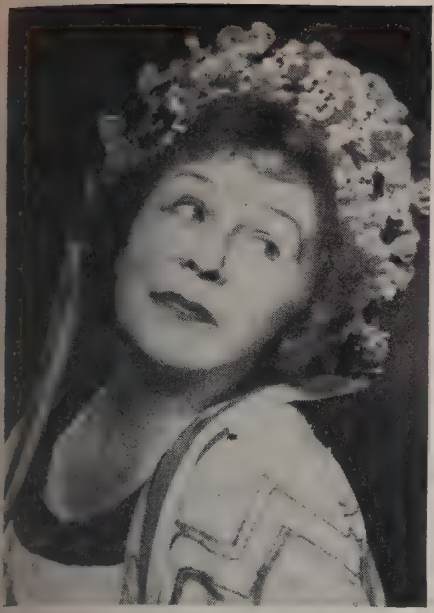
Ethel Owen's voice is probably one of the best known in all of radio. For 19 years she has been a variety of characters, with the accent definitely on comedy. Only once in the past decade has this busy actress taken time off from her radio rounds to appear before a theatre audience. In the recent comedy, "3 Is a Family," her acidulous Aunt Emma brought her and her audiences such delight that she is returning to make up again, this time in musical comedy. As partner to the ebullient Chic Johnson in half a dozen sketches she is almost as much at home as on the radio, where she is sometimes two or three characters in the same program. Miss Owen's most recent radio shows have included the Saturday Evening Post serial; "Mary Marlin"; "Mr. District Attorney"; "Big Town"; the Old Gold show; "Inner Sanctum" and "Readers Digest."

PAT BREWSTE

At 17, in less than four months, Brooklyn's tw headed Pat Brewster has become Broc way's latest musical comedy discovery, appe ing in, three "down front" spots, introducing thr new song hits, walking through bits and playi in sketches, too. All this in her first try at t legitimate theatre. Pat owes her place in a lavi Broadway musical show to Lee Shubert, who s this frenzied, youthful edition of Betty Hutton s herself to the toughest audience on Broadway a "bobby sock" audience in a Times Squa movie palace — where her jitterbug routine tun to Phil Spitalny's all-girl band had the audien cheering. A note from Mr. Shubert to Olsen a Johnson, an audition for the comedians, and P was big time. Pat was schooled at Profession Children's School. Experienced vocal coach / Siegel taught her the rudiments of "selling" song and Abe Lyman placed her with the Spitaln band.

IDA JAMES

Ida James is one of five children and comes fro Providence, where her mother sang in churche At seven she received an offer to sing for children's radio program in Philadelphia and remained with this program for four years. In tha city she entertained in various clubs until she wa discovered by Earl "Father" Hines, who took he as soloist. This was followed by nearly five year as soloist with the Erskine Hawkins' band. In Hollywood last summer she was in the musical, "Mee the People," with which she appeared for a whol year. Her West Coast stay also permitted Ida James to appear in "Trocadero" for Republic Pictures and on three coast service radio programs, "Command Performance," "Mail Call" and "Jubilee." Back in New York she starred in her first bigtime singing spot at Cafe Society Downtown.



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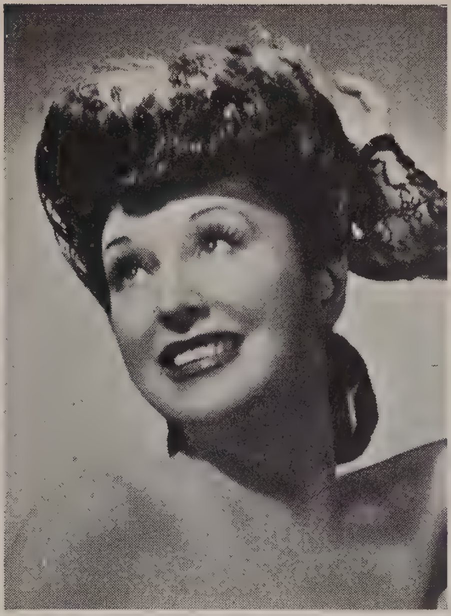

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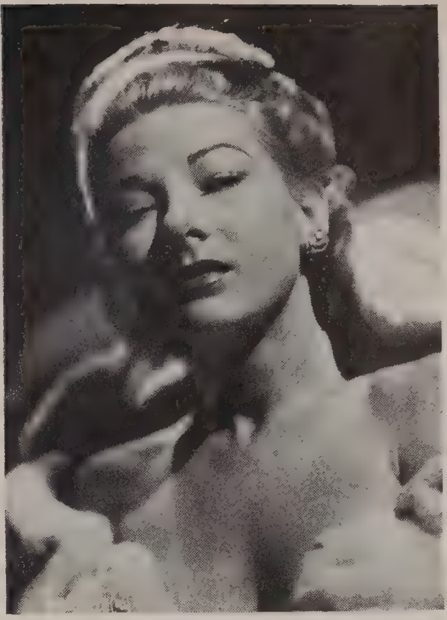

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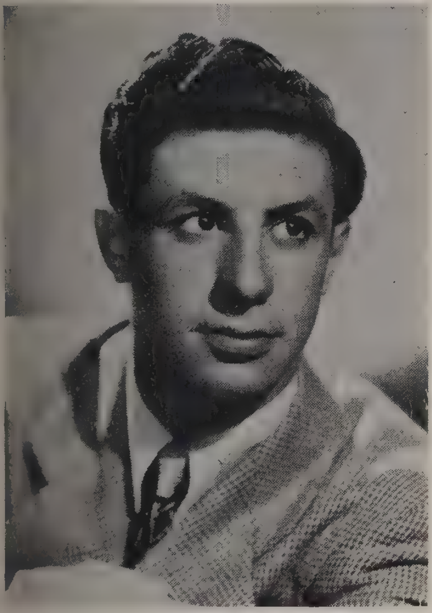

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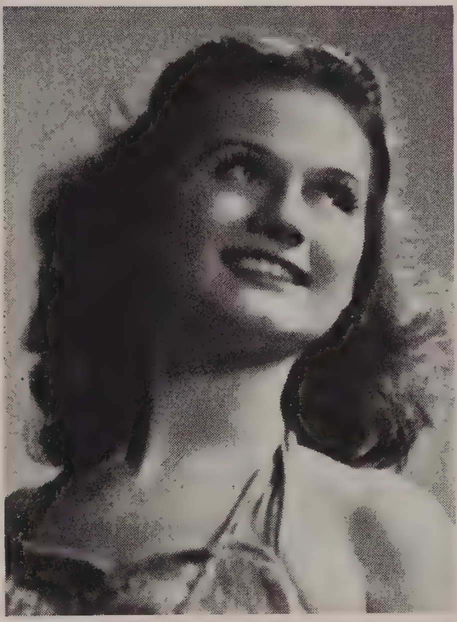

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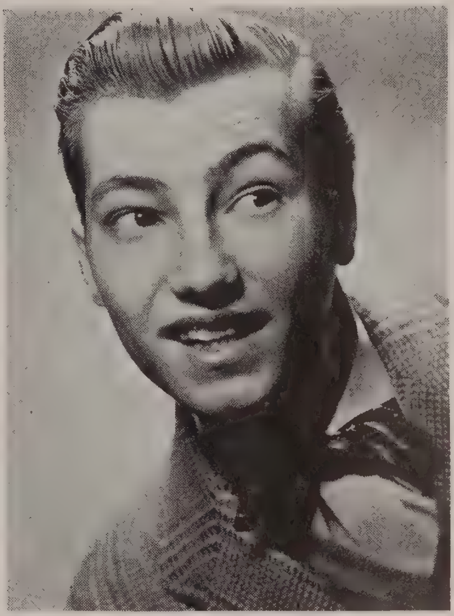

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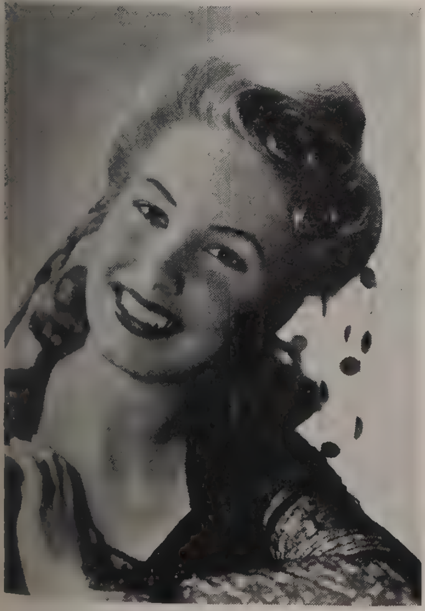

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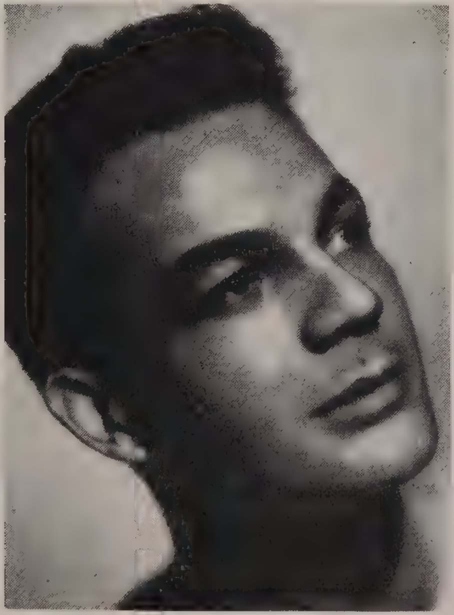

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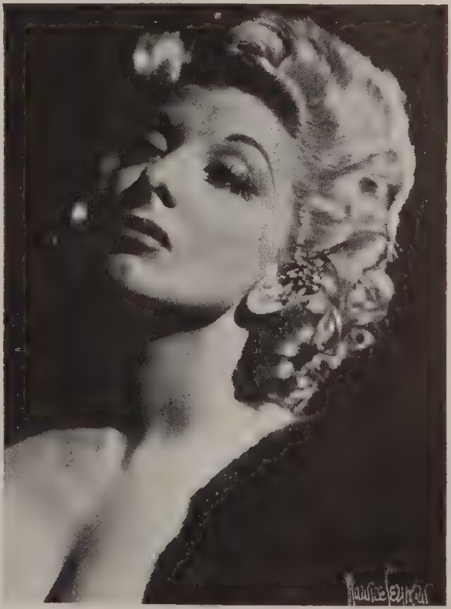
Maurice Seymour

JEAN MOOREHEAD

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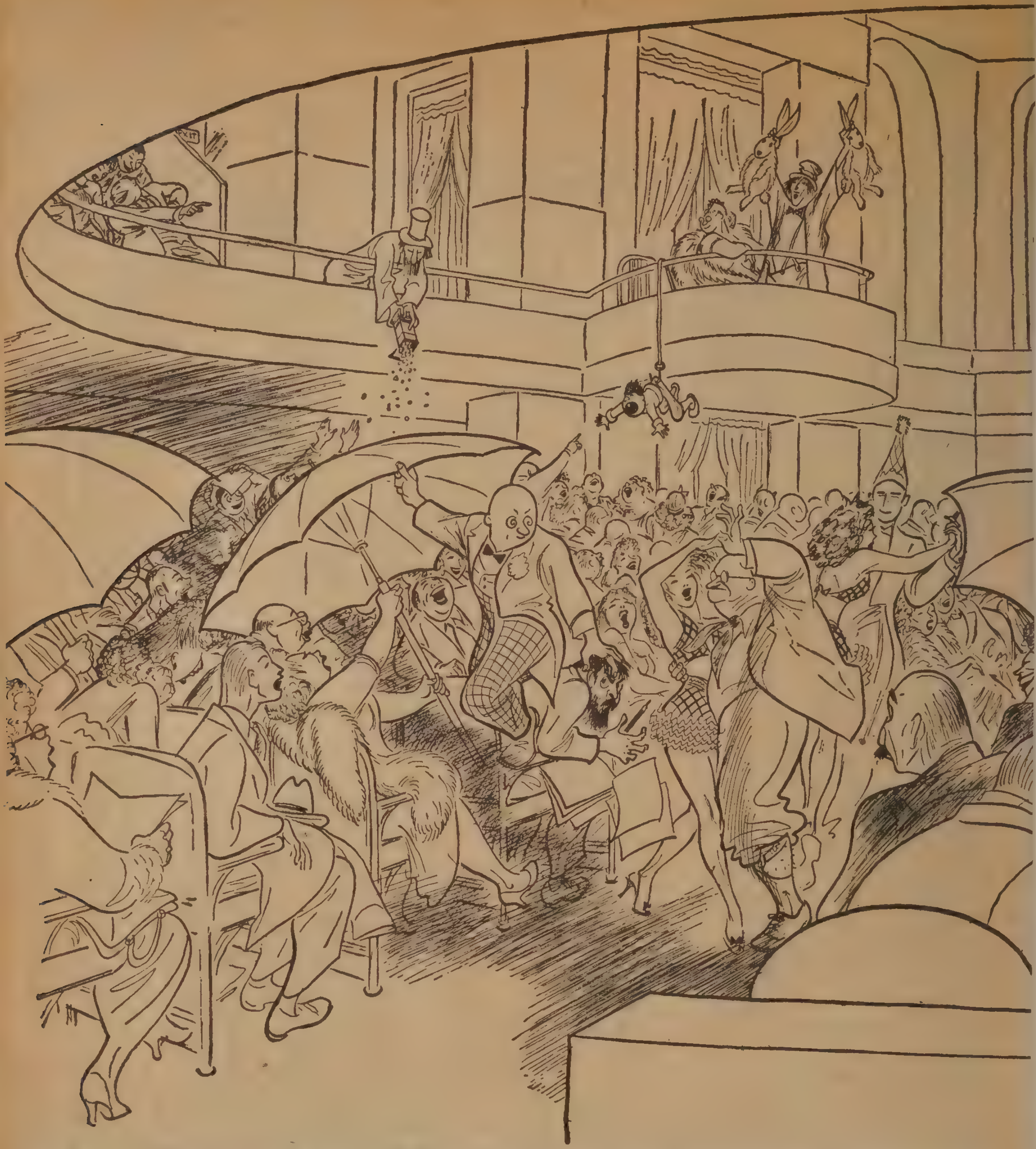

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Gleaned in the melee are Frank Libuse, trampling over spectators, a

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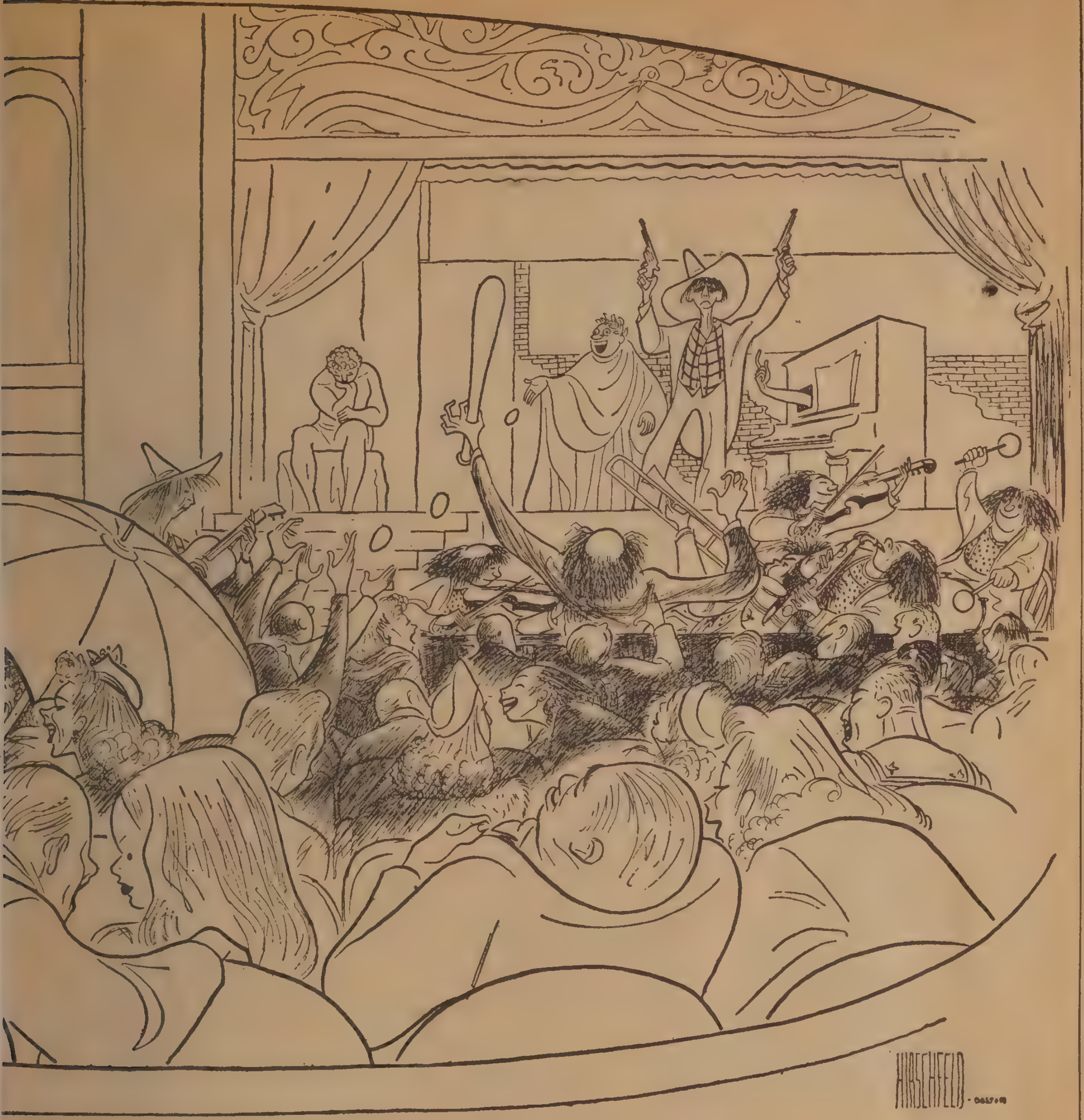

se purposeful wild men, Olsen and Johnson, and their "Laffing Room Only!" which opens Saturday.
nd O. and J., themselves, firing revolvers and eggs at their guests.

Friday 5-30 P.M.
Dec. 15/44

Received - Benton

Attended

ar Jay —
Have been working extra time
t the mill.- today was able to check
damage done cottage, as I told you
r phone, 2 panes of glass broken in
id's room - South-East window, cause
shutter blown loose and going thro glass
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tters on out side, this should take care
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to a few shingle off the Sleeping Porch.
6 on the North of S.P. (main House) about
from Ridge Pole down - all the shingle
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d tack on for the winter, window blown
n in Bath-room, no damage - (replaced)
window open in sleeping Porch, plenty of sn
de, none of the windows broken, that there wa
first, cover to Bulk-head off. - all in all,
might have been worse. as soon as roof
taken care of, I will write.

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Best —

Karl

LT. David Benton O-771886
612 Sqdn, 401 Bomb. GP.
APO 657, c/o P.M. N.Y., N.Y.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AIR 6 MAIL CENTS

David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

16 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Sorry about not being able to write yesterday. We had a pretty long but, fairly easy mission. The weather was very bad on the way home and we were forced to land at another base. I came home via G.I. trucks and didn't get here 'til very late — jumped right into bed on arrival — Ha!

We certainly are doing well on our missions this month. With any luck

at all I will be finished
by the end of Dec. and
back in the States by the
first of Feb. Wow!

Still no mail — for
anyone. Evidently the Xmas
rush is more than the postal
boys can handle.

Our pass starts tomorrow
I think I may stay right
here on the base and
take things easy. May
take a short trip to
London after I finish
my missions.

Dearest love to all,
Dave

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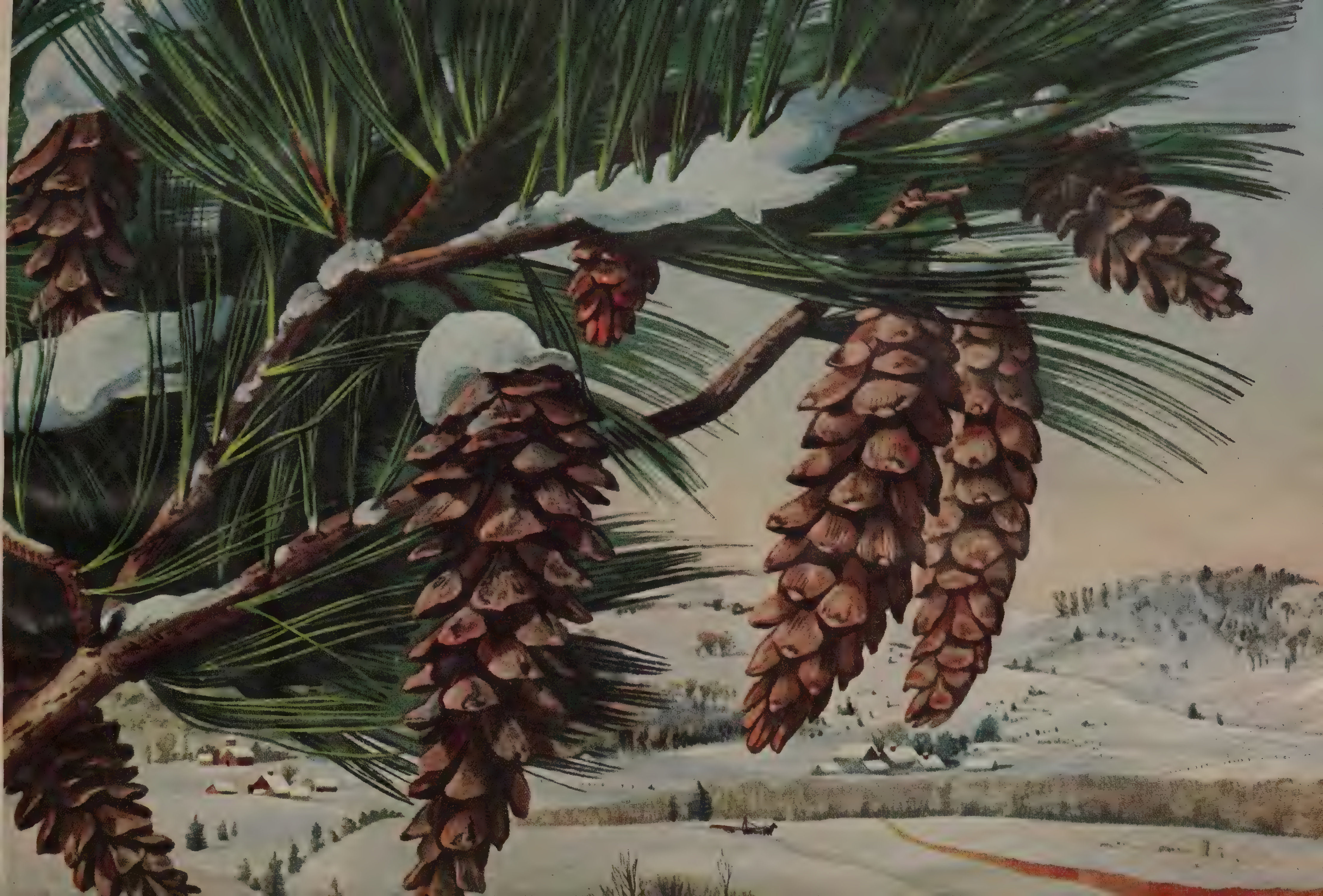

← CHRISTMAS GREENERY
ARRIVES FROM GUILDHALL!

Saturday, December 16th 1944

Mary took my radio over to Raytheon this morning to have it checked by a fellow there. Rested today. Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.30. Orange juice - oatmeal + cream. Scrambled eggs with tomato and Bacon. Toast. Iced Coffee.

Caught up on my diary and did some work on the scrap book - got up at 12. A fine luncheon at 1. Oysters on the half shell - Western Sandwich - Asparagus tip salad. Milk Fruit. to Harvard Square and left the car in the Church St. Garage. Frances went shopping - John + I took the Subway to Park St. Then walked to the Shubert Theatre - Saw Olsen + Johnson show "Laffing Room Only" An afternoon of good, hearty laughs - A long show out at 5.25 - Subway to Square. Looked at Christmas greens - Got car at Church St. Garage. So home. Dinner. Consommé Soup - Eggs Benedict + delicious - Lettuce + Tomato Salad + Milk - A little apple pie.

Mary out again with Nan Horton and in at 2:30 +

Karl's Christmas Tree from Guildhall arrived today -

Sunday, December 17th 1944

Woke up early and started reading the Papers came in good season - Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.30 - Orange juice oatmeal - Cod steak - a few Baked Beans - a toasted English Muffin - Iced Coffee - Up at 9.30. Took the Christmas Boxes from beneath the East Eaves. and opened up the Christmas tree on the Back Porch. Then did two week's testing - Up at 11 - over to call on Mother at 11 Oak Avenue - Back to the house at 12.45 - Little Living Room + At 1.45 - Frances, John, Mary, + I rode over to Pat. + Louise's for 45 minutes - Then home dinner - Roast Leg of Lamb - Rested the balance of the afternoon. Listened some to the Broadcast of the final championship game in the Pro football league. Green Bay Packers vs. New York Giants - At 6 had a hot tub Bath - Frances made me a snack supper - Chicken Chow Mein - Fruit - Milk -

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

17 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad —

All my boys have gone on pass but, I've decided to spend this one in the base. Have a few things I want to do in preparation for the big trip home. I may take one last look, at London after I fly my last mission — then a three weeks leave, I hope!

Two more Xmas packages came today — one from you and the other from Florence. Leonard Britton +

Belmont "Riverside" also some things.

It was warm + sunny here today — most unusual!

I took things pretty easy — did a lot of reading — and took a bath. Tomorrow, I shall probably take in a movie or two at a near by town.

Mary, I think, may be interested in the enclosed clipping.

Much love to all,
Dave

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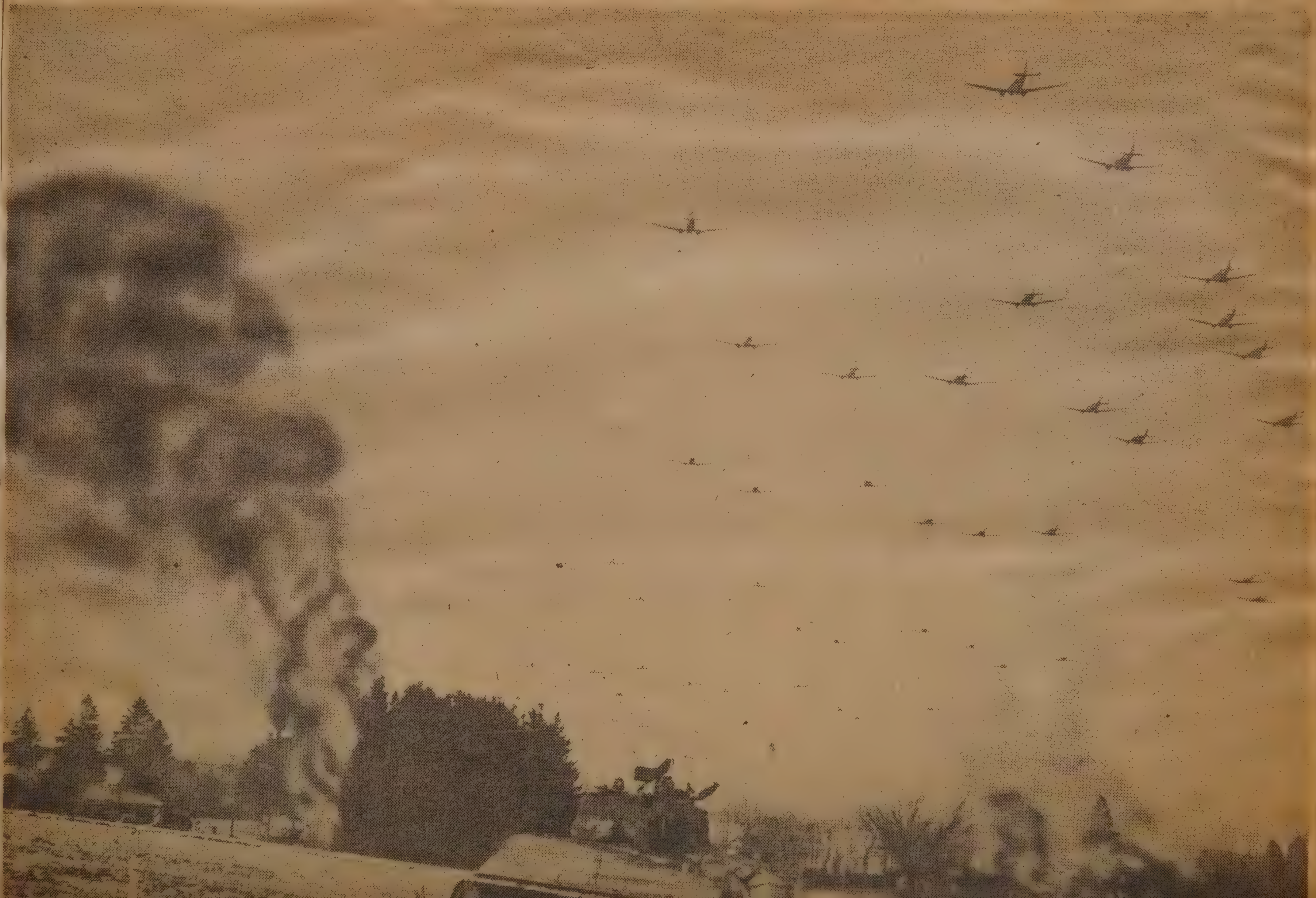
THE UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY AT GUILDHALL, VERMONT

Sunday – 6 P.M.
Dec 17/44

Dear Jay —

Took my helper (Jane) and tackled the Roof today, put on 1/2 roll of roofing on Main House. secured with nails & strips of lathe; on sleeping porch. put in asphalt shingle feel this will take care of the weather until June & spring unless another Blow shows up. Wind blew rather hard today; had a rope around my middle and Jane handled the line worked swell. Best

MACHINES AND MEN AID OUR BASTOGNE GARRISON AND A BELGIAN TOWN IS LAID WASTE



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David Benton,
1st Lt. A.C.

18 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Eureka! — mail — letters from home — at last!!

Its so swell to hear from you again. This last lapse has been an especially long one. Today's mail included one from you, one from John and three from Tammie — all dated around Nov. 30.

I'm looking forward very much to receiving the pictures taken during Tammie's visit. The pictures I took weeks ago, I'm sorry to say, are still "in the process." Just hope they will be ready by the time I finish my [illegible] - Ha!

I took things very easy again today. Went to the movies in town this afternoon.

Christmas is just a week away now. The time is moving very quickly now. It's so wonderful to think that the time that separates us is merely a matter of weeks. [redacted]. I am so happy!

Dearest love to you all,
Dave

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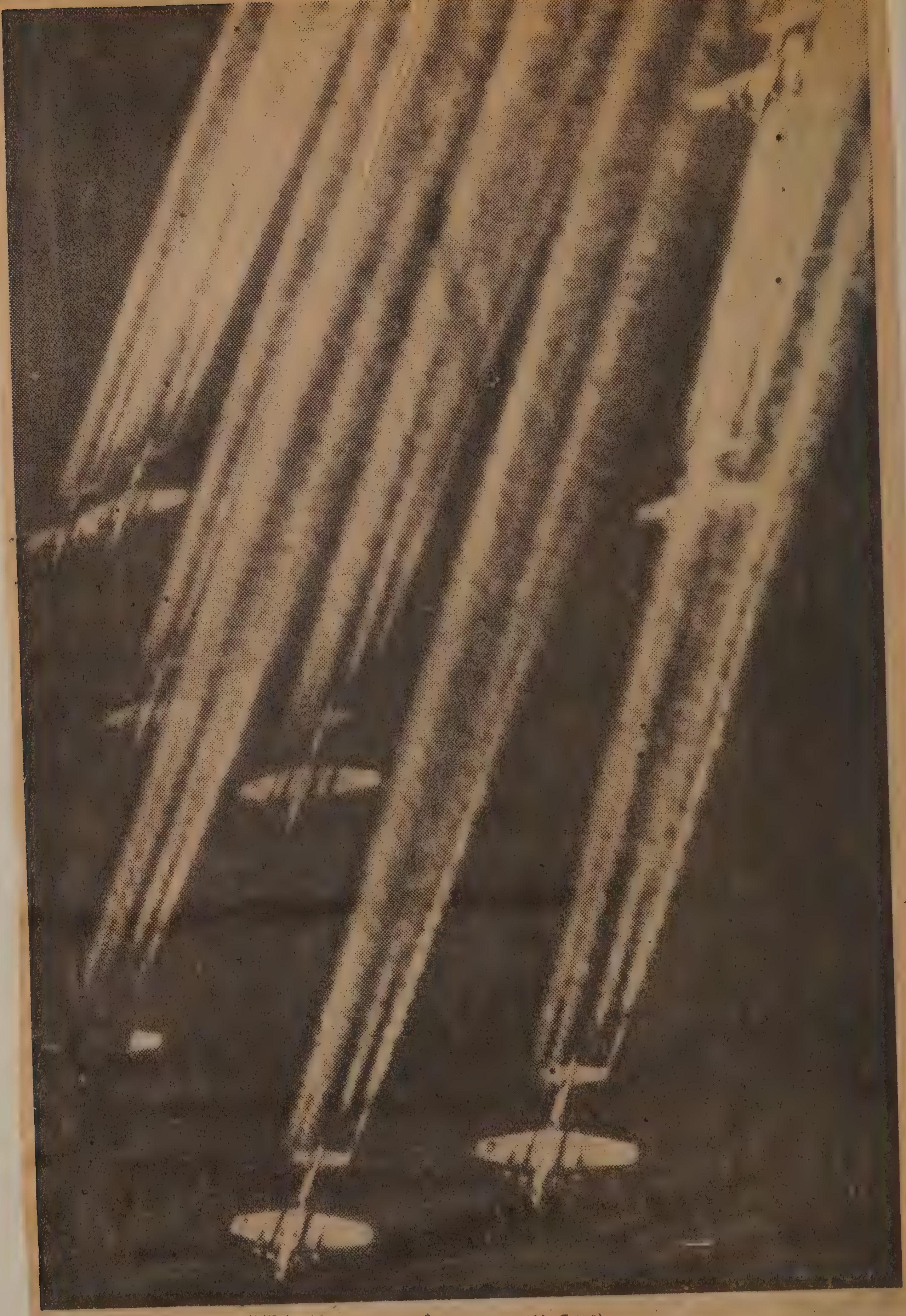

(AP Wirephoto from Army Air Corps)

VAPOR TRAILS OVER GERMANY—Vapor trails mark the paths of a flight of the U. S. Eighth Army Air Force Flying Fortresses as they are shown from below on their way to raid railway marshalling yards at Coblenz, Cologne and elsewhere in Western Germany, Dec. 18

18 Dec. '44

Dear Butch,

Many thanks for your letter of Nov. 29. Sure was neat to hear from you again.

Do hope you received my money order in time to get the Xmas flowers for Jeanne + Mom. Have a hunch I should have sent it earlier than I did.

I imagine Jeanne got a big kick out of eating at the Bella Vista once again. We had dinner there Sept 1, '42 — the day we met.

I guess a swell time was had by all on Thanksgiving. I'm so glad. It really means a lot to know the families are happy in times like these.

I'm not too busy at the moment — being on pass — Ha! Just hope the next two or three weeks will see me finished with my missions. Can't wait to get home to that Jeanne, and Spike, and family of mine.

Love,
David

I SEE THAT THE BRAVES MAY SELL AL JAVERY.WHAT'S THE SET UP ON THAT DEAL? I LISTEN TO ALL THE GAMES THAT I POSSIBLY CAN OUT HERE AND I HAD HOPES THAT I MIGHT GO TO THE ROSE BOWL ON NEW YEARS DAY BUT NO SOAP ON TICKETS.

I'LL CLOSE NOW WITH A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

LOVE,
SMEELYFOOT
GANDA
Pete

DECEMBER 18,1944

DEAR JOHNNY,

JUST ABOUT TIME FOR ME TO WRITE TO YOU AND I'M SORRY FOR NOT WRITING MORE OFTEN BECAUSE I SHOULD.WELL,HERE IT IS ANOTHER CHRISTMAS AWAY FROM HOME AND BY GOSH IV'E GOT MY MIND A LL MADE UP THAT I'LL BE RIGHT THERE NEXT YEAR ALONG WITH THE MOOSE AND OLD POP DAVE.WHAT A GREAT TIME WE'LL HAVE WITH LOTS OF THE NEW BENTONS EACH CHRISTMAS WHENWE ALL GET BACK.I'M ALL READY TO SET UP THOSE SHINY NEW TRAINS AND PUT ON MY NEW TIE , HOW I MISS IT ALL.WHEN THAT GRAND YEAR COMES CRUTCH I THINK I'LL HAVE TO LET JOAN SLEEP AT THE HOUSE THAT NIGHT SO SHE CANSEE THE WONDERFUL HAPPINESS INMY HEART.I COULDN'T BUY WHAT I WANTED FOR YOU ALL BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE UP FOR IT NEXT YEAR. I SENT MOM SOME SUPER PERF AND A FEW OTHER THINGS WHICH I HOPE SHE'LL LIKE.YOU AND I WILL HAVE TO GET SOME NEW SNAZZY CLUBS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO AT OAKLEY.WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME BEFORE.

The BEACON
SOCIETY OF
BOSTON.

THE NEXT MEETING

of the Beacon Society will be held at the
Algonquin Club, Monday evening
December 18, 1944

Reception at 6:15 o'clock

THE
394TH
MEETING
DECEMBER
18TH, 1944

The Guest and Speaker will be
DR. WILLIAM M. LEWIS
President of Lafayette College

Dr. Lewis is a many sided man, who has not confined himself by any means to education alone. He has, during an active career, been Mayor of Lake Forest, Illinois, Director of Savings for the United States Treasury, and Director of Selective Service for Pennsylvania. He is, however, best known as a humorist and it is in that capacity that he will talk to us.

Will you please reply promptly and notify the Secretary not later than 4:00 P.M. on Monday if there is any change in your plans. Otherwise we are charged for reservations whether for members or guests.

Everett S. Litchfield, Secretary
Laf. 5700

December 7, 1944

THE THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FOURTH
MONTHLY MEETING
OF

THE BEACON SOCIETY OF BOSTON

AT THE ALGONQUIN CLUB
MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER EIGHTEENTH
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	CHERRYSTONE CLAM COCKTAIL
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	ROMAINE, GRAPEFRUIT AND AVOCADO SALAD
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SOCIETY

December 18, 1944

Fred E. Crawford, Esq.
30 Lincoln Street
Watertown, 72, Mass.

Dear Fred:

I extend heartiest of greetings to you this holiday season. Thanks so much for sending me the print of the painting by Mrs. Crawford of "Beaver Brook in Autumn." I am delighted to have it.

If you have a spare one, I know the Belmont Public Library -- Miss Lucy D. Luard, Librarian -- would be most glad to have one for the town archives.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

Monday, December. 18th 1944

Frances down for a snuggle - Orange juice - wheat germ - Fried egg + Bacon. Baked Beans - Toast - Iced Coffee - Elise Burroughs came in her car to take Frances into Red Cross - so I rode to the square with them. Subway - Office - Work to 12.15 - out to lunch with Everett Fane. to Hotel Avery. Consommé - Sausages - Green Peas - Roll. Coffee. Tangerine - to Liggetts. Bought another heating pad to send to David. to Jordan's and got "Hoppy" Photo to send Peter. to Woolworth's for Xmas wrapping paper and twine - also a low light bulb for the little Xmas tree - to Filene's for 3 shirts for John and 1 for myself - to Breck's for a Bag of window sill Bulbs for Mother - Office - Out again - to Kresges looking for numbers for the Knockers Club. to Slattery's for a night gown for Mary. ~~to Iver Johnson~~ short talk with P. A. O'Connell - to Iver Johnson's Rosein for phonograph needles. for flash bulbs and film - short talk with Charlie Rowell - Office - left at 5.15 - to the old Keith's theatre to see comedy movies. Subway to Copley Square. to the Algonquin Club. Attended dinner of the Beacon Society - sat beside "Slip" Powers - the new President. Had a very good time - Rode home with Josiah and Collins Graham. to bed at 10.15 - The man came out to fix the Magnavox today +

WINTER'S FIRST SNOW

Swirlig snow, ranging from two inches in Boston to more than six in southeastern Massachusetts, blanketed most of New England today in the first real snowfall of the season and brightened prospects for a white Christmas.

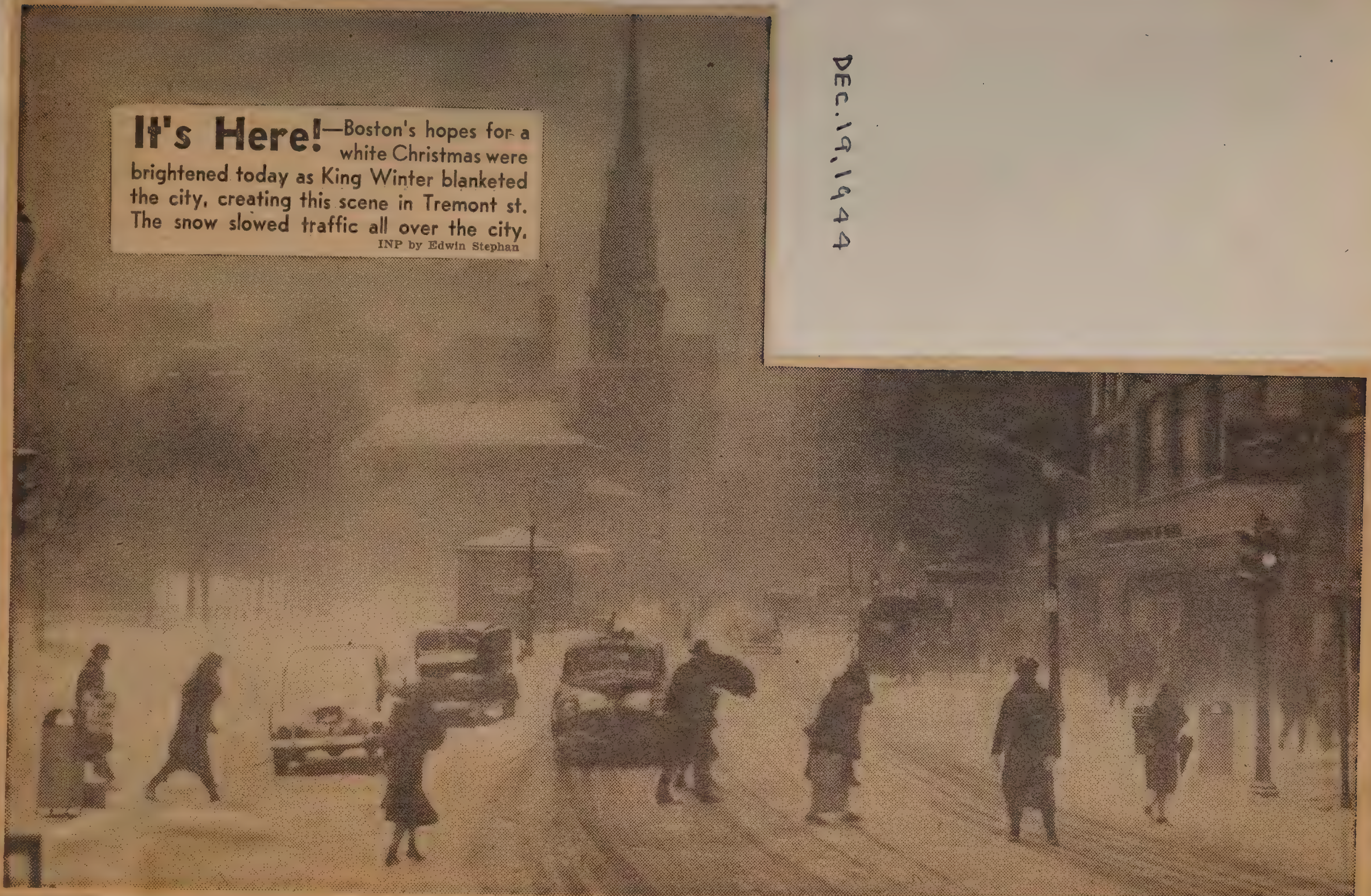
Driven by winds of 25 miles an hour the snow piled up in deep drifts in many sections, adding to hazardous driving conditions and complicating the work of road crews fighting to keep highway open.

More than 300 state highway department trucks and plows were struggling to keep ahead of the storm and officials said all main roads were open and "reasonably safe."

Auto traffic was slowed by icy roads and poor visibility and many minor accidents were reported.

Tuesday, December 19th 1944

Our first real snow today and it was really swirling when we went to the Square + Frances down for a snuggle. For breakfast orange juice - wheat germ - Minced Lamb on Toast. Iced Coffee. to the Square with Frances. Subway, office, and work. At 12.45 to the Parker House and the "Knockers" Club. Filet of Sole - Tartar Sauce. Sliced Tomatoes - Role - Iced Coffee. Tangerine - to Liggett's for medicine - to Jordan's - for Bath set for Mary - to Woolworths for Xmas Cards - no good back to Jordan's - Currier & Ives Xmas Cards - to Woolworths - 2 red candles for our Hurricane Lamps + to Sagers for a Box of Electric Light Bulbs - Office - Work - Left at 4.45 with Moody + Mansfield - to Allston - then Mt Auburn stop at Griffin's to get the "Four Roses" for our Christmas Egg Nog - Home. There was Nicholas! Down from Exeter for nearly 3 weeks Vacation - Went up to call on Mother - Nicholas came there a little after me. Back to the house - Little Living Room. Merriment - Dinner - and to Bed. Nicholas went to the movies -



It's Here!—Boston's hopes for a white Christmas were brightened today as King Winter blanketed the city, creating this scene in Tremont st. The snow slowed traffic all over the city.
INP by Edwin Stephan

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MEMORIES!

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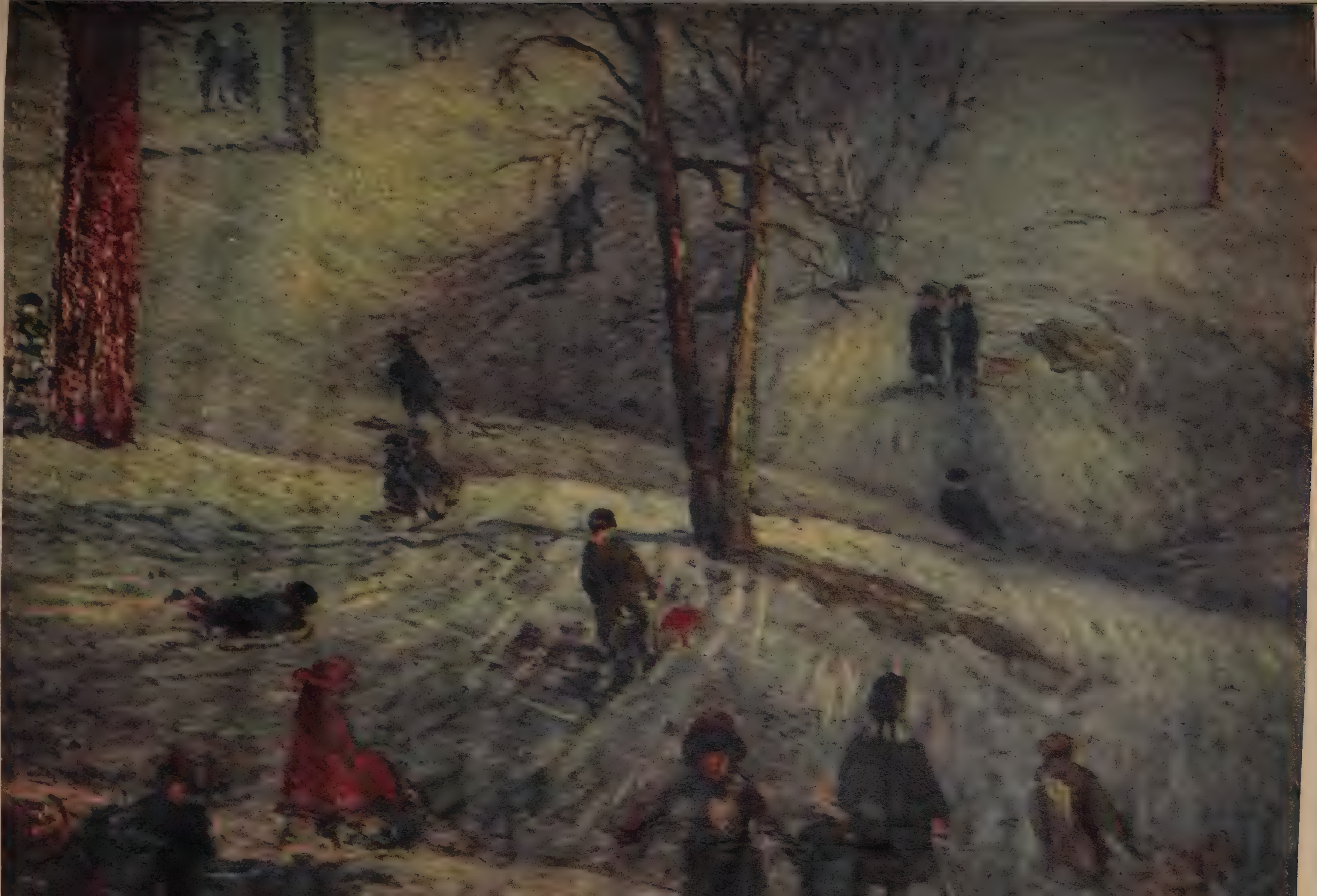

Lead us to the saving of our country,

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

Dear Mom + Dad,

Another xmas package from you arrived today — this one contained the "woollie P.J's". Just the thing for these cold winter nights in the E.T.O.! Thanks a lot.

I spent most of the day reading etc. Also got myself a much needed haircut.

Had a letter from Jack Austin the other day. He is a B-24 pilot (photo-recon.) — still in the States — and has been home eight times in the last six months! Lucky guy.

I'm still in the dark about the outcome of the Belmont-Watertown football game. Hope that vital info. comes through soon - Ha!

Gee, its wonderful to think that I'll be heading home before many more weeks have passed. These past six months have been pretty rough - in more ways than one. After a while, one can harden himself to combat but, never to being so far away from those he loves.

Much love to you all,

Dave

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3 Pequossette Rd.
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December 19th
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Dearest Mom and Dad B.,

Thanks very much for sending me the pictures of Dave. I am so delighted to have them! They are going to be framed and hung in Spike's room.

My last letter from Dave was dated the 8th — I've had no mail this week. He had 27 missions up until the 8th so it won't be long now. I can think of nothing else but his homecoming! Dave is going to send me a cablegram as soon as he has finished his mission — of course I'll call you the minute I get it!

Mother, Dad and I send to all of you our very best wishes for a Happy Christmas.

Loads of love,

Jeanne.

D. GAY THOS. W. GAY

G. D. GAY & SON
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
621 TEXAS BANK BUILDING
DALLAS 2, TEXAS

December 19, 1944

Mr. J. Roy Benton
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

Instead of sending you a card this Christmas, I am sending you this letter and conveying my best wishes to you this Christmas.

I have been hoping to come up in your section to visit you people but I am not going to try to travel until after this awful war is over, but if there is anything I can ever do for you or your institution in Texas, do not hesitate to write me, and may I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We are

Yours very truly,

G. D. GAY & SON

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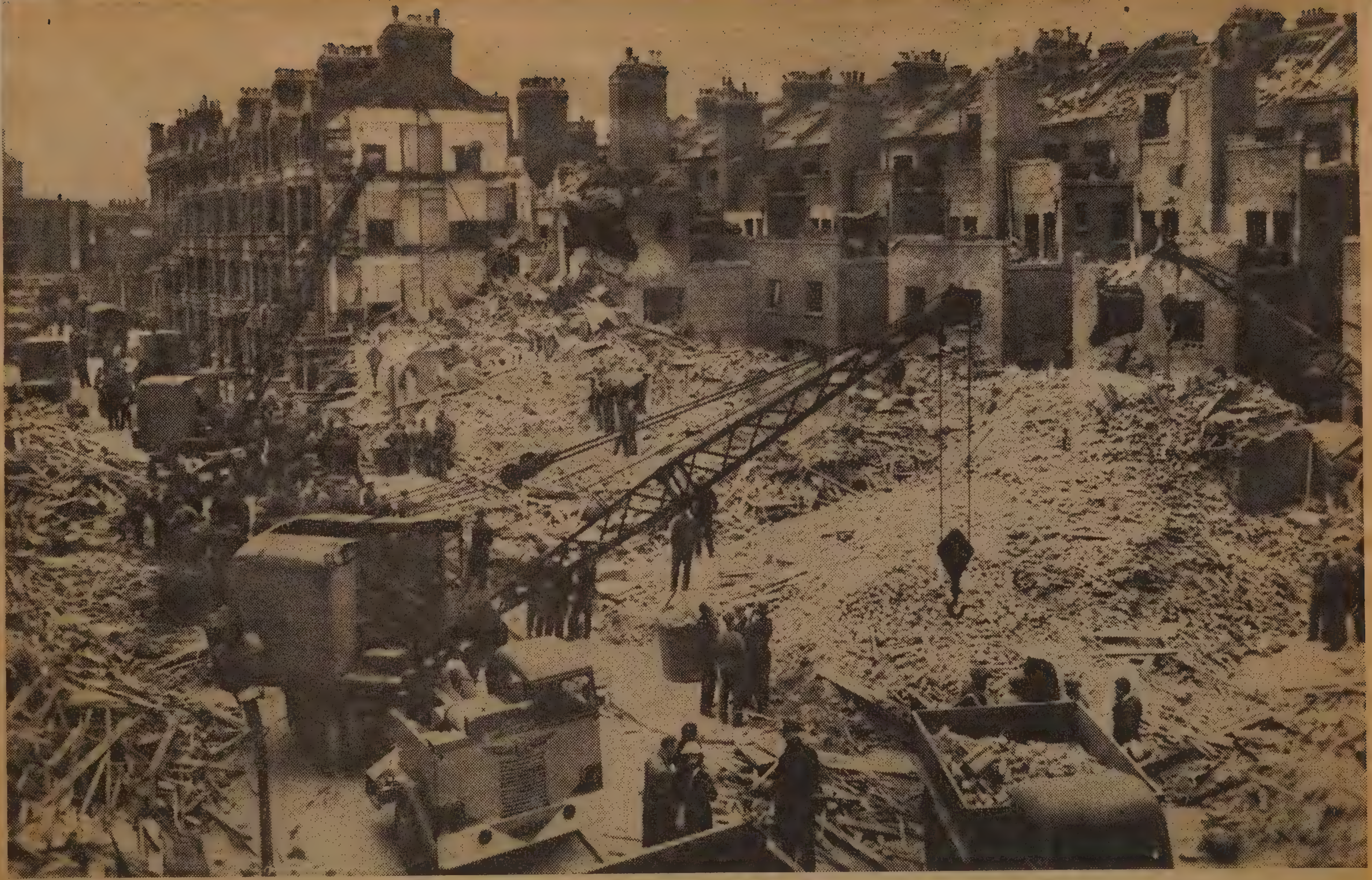
GDG:TD G. D. Gay

P. S. My son, Donald Gay, who was Assistant Attorney General in Texas is now in the Navy and I told him that sometime when he was in Boston, if ever, to come up to see you.



Associated Press

The Clean-Up Job Goes On in Earnest in Bombed-Out London

This photograph is typical of the problems which the British Capital is facing today under the weight of continued aerial assault, now by V-weapons instead of the once familiar conventional bombs. Engineers are quick to clear away bomb wreckage in preparation for the reconstruction of new dwellings.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

David Benton
1st LT. A.C.

20 Dec '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Nothing much new to report tonight. We are enveloped in a pea-soup fog which makes for a very dull & non-productive existence. I doubt very much that we will get in a mission tomorrow.

I sure would like to get these last few out of the way. It will be a happy day when I can send you that "finished" cablegram! This war we "fight" on the ground is a lot harder to take than actual combat.

How is the potato-dip & Rum situation in Mass. these days? My two favorites are very much "in absentia" these days.

No mail at all came through today.

I miss you all, terribly. Happy, tho', in the thought that I'll be home — soon!

Dearest love to all,

Dave

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AIR 6 CENTS MAIL
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, Mass.

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

December 14, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company will be held at the office of the Company, 160 Congress Street, Boston, on

Wednesday, December 20, 1944 at 1:45 P. M.

Very truly yours,

E C Mansfield
Secretary

ECM/rmc

[From Late Edition of Yesterday's TIMES.]

GEORGE H. MOSES, 75, EX-SENATOR, DEAD

Member of Upper House From New Hampshire 14 Years—A Leader in Fight on League

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 20—Former United States Senator George Higgins Moses of New Hampshire died of coronary thrombosis at 9:15 o'clock tonight in his home here. His age was 75. He had been ill for more than a year in a Concord hospital and recently had returned home for the holidays.

After leaving the Senate he devoted himself to his duties as chairman of the board of the Rumford Press, of which his son, Gordon, is president. He recently was honored for completing fifty-three years with the company.

He also leaves a widow, the former Florence Gordon of Franklin, N. H., whom he married Oct. 3, 1893.

Newspaper Man for Years

Mr. Moses was a reporter for more than a decade before he became a politician. He carried into debate a journalistic skill which led him more than once to attempt the purge of his party with a phrase.

When he was chairman of the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee after the Hoover election he referred to the insurgent Southern and Western Senators as "sons of the wild jackass." The party almost split, but Senator Moses did not recant.

In speech Senator Moses was not a conservative. As President Pro Tempore of the Senate after 1925, or as permanent chairman of the Republican National Committee in 1928, his associates never had a doubt that any occasion when he spoke would be made exciting, but they were never quite sure he would be sufficiently discreet.

During his fourteen years in the Senate, from 1918 to 1932, when the incoming wave of the New Deal forced him out, Senator Moses distinguished himself by fearless independence and won a reputation as a shrewd political prophet. He foresaw the election of Calvin Coolidge and also foresaw that he would not run again.

Fought the World Court

Senator Moses was a lifelong foe of what he considered political and economic nostrums. He was a leader in the fights on the World Court, the League of Nations and the London naval limitation treaty of 1930.

In 1936 he suggested the Republican party would do well to trade notables with the Democrats, suggesting specifically that Al Smith be taken in exchange for La Follette.

Mr. Moses was born in Lubec, Me., Feb. 9, 1869, the son of the Rev. Thomas Gannett Moses and Ruth Moses, of a family that had long inhabited New Hampshire. As one of six children, he paid for his schooling by studying one year and working the next. He prepared at Phillips Academy in Exeter, N. H., and was graduated from Dartmouth as a Bachelor of Arts in 1890 and Master of Arts in 1893.

He was considering a career of teaching Latin and Greek in the American School of Classical Study at Athens when a reporter's job on The Concord (N. H.) Monitor and Statesman was offered to him. He accepted it, under William E. Chandler, the editor and owner, a former United States Senator and former Secretary of the Navy.

Became Minister to Greece

After holding various State and Republican party offices in New Hampshire, Mr. Moses was enabled to gratify his deferred desire to know Greece well in 1909, when President Taft named him Minister to that country and to adjoining Montenegro. He returned in three years to plunge into New Hampshire politics. He was named a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1916. Two years later he was sent to the Senate to fill the unexpired term of the late Jacob H. Gallinger and was twice re-elected.

He was permanent chairman of the Republican convention which nominated Herbert Hoover. He directed the 1928 Presidential campaign of his party in the East and shortly afterward was made chairman of the Senatorial Republican campaign committee, with oversight of the campaign of 1930.

Mr. Moses contributed to the history of the United States Senate by successfully opposing the attempt of Vice President Charles G. Dawes, as its presiding officer, to reform the rules of debate in order to speed up business.

Urged Knox's Nomination

After 1932 he took little part in politics until his friend, the late Col. Frank Knox, publisher of The Chicago Daily News and later Secretary of the Navy, aspired to the 1936 Presidential nomination. Mr. Moses became one of the leading Knox supporters and managed the pre-convention campaign at Cleveland. Colonel Knox was nominated for the Vice Presidency.

Mr. Moses attempted to regain his Senatorial seat in 1936 but was defeated by Gov. H. Styles Bridges in a Republican primary contest.

Mr. Moses was named president of the New Hampshire State Constitutional Convention in 1938. Although he had not been a candidate for the position of a delegate, his name was written in by the voters in the Fourth Ward at Concord, starting the movement which culminated in his becoming convention president.

EX-SENATOR MOSES

The Senator was an active member of the South Congregational Church of Concord. For three years he was a member of the church's standing committee. He also served three terms on the Concord Board of Education. He was literary adviser for Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science, whom he met in 1905.

Moses Rites Tomorrow

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—A funeral service for former Senator George H. Moses will be held here at 2 P. M. on Saturday in the South (Congregational) Church. The Rev. Daniel W. Nicely, the pastor, will officiate. Burial will take place in Franklin, where Mr. Moses' father once served as a minister.

THE UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY AT GUILDHALL, VERMONT

December 20th
1944

"Hey-You":-

"Whatdoya think--"Sharkey"Hayes fixessss the roof 'n thros in a Drink ??

OR

"Whatdoya think-"Sharkey"Hayes fixess the roof and THROS IN A DRINK !-----

Lay off those Xmas pkgs,you know Damn well the house is small 'n the south sill under the barn is in need of repair,and besides,"Steve" has got P.M.M. (Postmaster's Mizzery) to say nothing of losing the left glass in his Bi-focals,('n at a time like this)

Glad you liked the trees and they arrived in time,-sent "Pat & L.and little "Vermont Greenery" just in case--- 10 below this morning,and me without a neck-tie.

Had swell card from "Pete" and a corcker from David and the Mrs.also one from "Jim & Mary" all just grand,hope and pray that they can all be with you for the holidays,but suppose thats too much to expect.(#%'"/; the War)

Mary just brot in the package,will have to sign off--gotta jack up the dinning room floor.

If there's anything better than
the Best,we're sending it.

Karl

"Woe"is Me"
No Snow Fleas Yet.

Mrs. Ray Hayes was pleasantly surprised Sunday when she received a nice gift from a sailor whom she had never met.

Will the person seen taking the overcoat from the Elms Hotel, Lancaster, please return same at once, and there will be no questions asked. (1tp)

FOR SALE—One pair of girl's white shoe skates, size 7, priced at $5.00. Mrs. Karl Hayes, Tel. 116-21, Guildhall, Vt. (1t)

Wednesday, December 20th 1944

It was quite cold today. Frances was down for a snuggle. Breakfast was orange juice - wheat germ - poached egg on toast. Iced Coffee. Elise Burroughs came again to get Frances, so I rode to the Square with them. Subway Office - Work - Hurried up to Raymonds to get a Poinsettia - but they had not arrived. Out to lunch at 12.30 - before that Nicholas had been in for Xmas shopping money. With Everett Lane to the Ambassador on Winter St. Chicken Gumbo Soup. Dropped Egg on Corn Beef Hash - Beets Roll. Cool Coffee - Tangerine - to the Old Corner Bookstore to get a Xmas Book for Ned Mansfield. Office. At 1.45, Directors' meeting followed by the Finance Committee - A long afternoon - Left at 4.45 Rode home all the way in the cars with Leo Leary. When John came back with the car - went down with him to Griffins - Curly along. Little Living Room. Eventually dinner and so to bed.

Ned Mansfield leaves tomorrow to spend the holidays with his daughter at Westport, Conn.

Thursday, December 21st 1944

Orange juice - oatmeal - fried eggs + Bacon, Toast and iced coffee started the day off - once again the suit case went in town. to the Square with Frances. Subway - office - out at 10. to the Bank - Then up Franklin St. Bought Poinsettia - left it a R.H. Harris' on Bromfield St. while I went to the State House with Everett Lane - Deposited registered Bonds with Treasury Dept. Talk with State Treasurer Frank Hurley - also chatted with Karl Oliver and Dexter Snow + Back to the Office - at 12. to the Hotel Statler - Attended the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon Archbishop Cushing was the Speaker. Sat at the head table - P.A. O'Connell on my right, O. Kelley Anderson on the left. The Boston Mutual had a reserved table walked back in town - stopped at Bailey's but too crowded to get Candy. to Conway's on Federal St. to get bottles of Heublein's cocktails to pass out as Xmas presents + Office. Left at 4.30 with Moody + Leary - stopped at Sage's in the Square to get Mistletoe. Home - Lit the Living Room. Dinner and to bed. Nicholas went to the Debutante's Ball at the Statler and home at 2.30

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

21 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

I was swamped with mail today! — about [illegible] letters - mostly from you and Jeanne and [illegible] [illegible] things to Belmont. Can't tell you how super it is to get a big batch of letters like that - Wow!

Sorry to hear that you had a cold and a touch of gout, Dad. Hope you are all O.K. now and all set for a big Xmas.

Jeanne told me about your new "club", Mom — good idea! How about making me a member when I get home?

Thanksgiving at "3 Pequot must have been quite an affair. Your descriptions of the day's activities were swell. I am looking forward very much to receiving the pictures of all the festivities.

We are still enveloped in fog — expect to be grounded again tomorrow. This long stretch of dark, damp weather is pretty depressing. Thank God for your mail!

And that's the news —

much love to you all,

Dave

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Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

December 12, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston 10, Mass.

Dear Jay:

The Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, will be our guest at a Boston Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Thursday, December 21, in the Imperial Ballroom of the Hotel Statler.

It will be a pleasure to have you join the head table group which will assemble at 12 noon in Parlor C to meet Archbishop Cushing.

So that necessary plans may be completed, I hope to hear as soon as it is conveniently possible that you will be with us on this occasion.

Very truly yours,

HJ Nichols

Henry J. Nichols
President

(Fay Foto Serv

HEADTABLERS AT ARCHBISHOP CUSHING LUNCHEON. *Left to right, former Governor Frank G. Allen, vice-president of the Chamber; the Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing; Henry J. Nichols, retiring president of the Chamber; Governor Maurice J. Tobin.*

Asks Employers Not to Reject Wounded Returning Soldiers

Archbishop Cushing's First Public Address Since Elevation

The Christmas week luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce members this noon at the Hotel Statler brought out 800 business leaders to hear Boston's new Catholic Archbishop talk about men and their jobs, in a manner which brought resounding applause time and again. It was the first public address since his installation as head of the Boston diocese.

"The craftsman worships God in his work—"

He was introduced by Henry J. Nichols, president of the Chamber. The invocation was by Rt. Rev. Jeremiah F. Minihan, chancellor of the archdiocese. Among those at the head table were Mayor Tobin, Pres. Theodore L. Storer of R. M. Bradley & Co., Pres. Marland C Hobbs of Arlington Mills, Pres. David F. Edwards of Saco-Lowell Shops, H. Ainsley Highman of United Air Lines, Henry Penn, Treasurer Arthur J. Kelly of R. H. White Company, Pres. Irwin L. Moore of New England Power Association, Ex-Gov. Frank G. Allen, Vice Pres. William K. Jackson of United Fruit Company, Pres P. A. O'Connell of E. T. Slattery Company, Pres. Jay R. Benton of Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, Pres. O. Kelley Anderson of Consolidated Investment Trust, Pres. Charles T. Reardon of Metropolitan Coal Company, Dudley H. Dorr, Gustavus J. Esselen, General Manager James G. Kennedy of John P. Squire Company, Pres. Edward L Hubbard of T. D. Whitney Company, and Michael Kelleher, new Community Fund chairman.

Here is the full text of the Archbishop's address:

Archbishop
Continued on Page 9

AT CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Photographed yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Hotel Statler are, left to right, Henry J. Nichols, president of the chamber; Archbishop Richard J. Cushing and P. A. O'Connell, vice-president of the chamber

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MOST REV. RICHARD J. CUSHING'S address at the Boston Chamber of Commerce members' luncheon at the Hotel Statler yesterday attracted the greatest outpouring of members and guests of the Chamber since the maiden speech of Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of General Motors Corp., before this group years ago. More than 800 persons jammed the hotel ballroom and overflowed onto the stage and the balcony.

Leader of more than one million souls of the Catholic faith in Boston and its environs, Archbishop Cushing spoke powerfully and convincingly. Listened to with closest attention by the large audience, he pointed up his theme on the dignity of labor with this story: "There was once a man who was found sitting on the pavement, beating his head against a wall. Someone said to him: 'Why on earth are you doing that?' The man replied: 'Because it feels so good when I stop.' Many people think of work like that."

Henry J. Nichols, president of the Chamber, in introducing the Archbishop, stated that the prelate had gained thousands of friends all over the world because of his special zeal for the foreign missions.

Elevated to the monsignori in 1939, Cushing became auxiliary bishop of Boston during June of that year, his elevation to the archbishopric coming on November 8, last.

B.G. file

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

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HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

December 23, 1944.

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Mr. J. R. Benton,
President,
Home Office.

Dear Mr. Benton:

Last Thursday I attended and enjoyed very much the Chamber of Commerce luncheon, also the splended talk by Archbishop Cushing.

Thanking you for your kindness in sending me the invitation, I am,

Very truly yours,
Linus M. Callen
Supt.

LMC/EMD.

43 Buswell St.
Boston, Mass.
December 21, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequosset Rd.
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Jay:

I was very glad to receive your personal note recalling pleasant incidents in our past life.

Some of my fondest recollections are about the outings (and also the innings) of the Boston University Law School Association. I suppose the only mean thing about them was the successive string of defeats that I handed to you in the horse shoe and quoits tournaments. I suppose I should have let you win a game or two but my reputation was at stake and in view of the tricks that were used to beat me, such as hiding the set of quoits that hot day at Marblehead in order to force me to use horse shoes, at which you and "your gang" thought you would make a better showing,-so you see I could afford to take no chances.

You and I got along pretty well on the baseball field and I am sorry to say the last time I played at a B. U. outing on the married men's team was at Wardhurst. You may recall I was pitching and you were catching and we were "mowing them down" - our opponents being the single men. I went to bat and made a single and was going to second base rather leisurely when you urged me to take two bases, meaning you had hit a double. I guess I must have speeded up a little bit in my anxiety to make a quick getaway to second base and stepped into a rut and sprained my ankle. I was helped to the Inn and in the absence of any rubbing alcohol or liniment, Lucy Daley and her husband, Hap Ward, supplied some

perfectly good bottled in bond rye, which several bystanders said was a shame to waste for external use. Being speeded to Boston by Dr. Cody, we were arrested for excessive speed but on arriving at my house I immediately telephoned our friend, Supt. Mike Crowley, who said under the circumstances a mistake had been made and that I need not bother about court proceedings. However, I was laid up for a few weeks and then decided to quit the game.

Mrs. Fitzgerald and I enjoyed your Christmas card and I share with you your pride in the roster of your family in their active service in this hour of the country's need.

We have one son in the service and he is the youngest of the family. He is in the air service of the Navy.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Benton and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and the safe return of David and his brothers, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

W. T. A. F.

"Billy Fitz."

STUDIES IN THE SNOWS OF THE EARLY MORNING AND LATE NIGHT

Dawn at one of our air bases in England finds this Flying Fortress mantled after a storm. The plane was soon cleared and
on its way to attack German communitions behind the western front.

The New York Times (U. S. Army

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1st Lt. A.C.

22 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

Your letter of Nov. 28 came today — also one from Jeanne. The mailman has been mighty good to me lately.

We are still shrouded with fog! Awfully gloomy weather for the holiday season.

This afternoon we decorated the hut with holly — the piece de resistance is a door piece garnished with the decorations you sent. It really looks quite Christmas-y.

It's pretty punk to be this close to finishing and to be held on the ground day after day. Enforced idleness, over here, is a lot harder to take than actual combat.

Went to the movies at the Officers Club tonight — "Mrs. Parkington" — better than the usual run of stuff we get over here.

Oh well, it won't be — can't be — long now.

Much love to all,

Dave

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r. + Mrs. Fay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

DECEMBER 22,1944

DEAR MOM AND DAD,

I GUESS YOUV'E BEEN BUSY DOING LAST MOMENT PPING BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING FROM YOU IN THE PAST EK.I KNOW THE WAR NEWS MUST BE TAKING YOUR THOUGHTS AWAY,TOO. E TURN OF EVENTS HASN'T BEEN SO GOOD BUT THE SHORT-WAVE BROAD-CTS THAT I HAVE INTERCEPTED TONIGHT MAKES THE PICTURE LOOK A TTLE BETTER,OUR ARMIES ARE FIGHTING THIER HEADS OFF THIS CHRIST-S AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THIS COUNTRY WILL HAVE TO PRODUCE A SH BATCH OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR OUR FIRST ARMY.THAT AND MORE OOD PLASMA.I HEAR FROM BILL BURKE QUITE A BIT AND HE SAYS THE E PASSES VERY QUICKLY OVER THERE WHICH IS A GOOD THING.ANY Y NOW WERE GOING TO OPEN UP OUR NEW STATION OUT HERE AND IT GHT TO BE DARNED GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR ME.GIBBY GRAVES IS AT CAMP OD IN TEXAS AND HE IS LEUIT. GRAVES NOW.I THINK I'LL WRITE TO TONIGHT.WELL,THE KAY KYSER SHOW WAS SWELL AND THE REHEARSAL S EVEN BETTER.WHAT A RIOT THAT WAS AND IT LASTED FOR THREE RS WHEREAS THE SHOW AND BROADCAST LASTED AN HOUR.HIS MUSIC WAS ANGED TO A SUPER DEGREE.MOST OF THE BAND IN GENERAL WERE ALL LD AND THEY HAVE BEEN WITH HIM FOR SEVEN YEARS.WHO WOULDN'T T TO PLAY WITH HIM.ON CHRISTMAS DAY THEY ARE GOING TO PRESENT LT DISNEYS NEW FULL B LENGTH FILM.I'LL BE THERE.WHAT DID EVERY-E GET FOR CHRISTMAS?JEANNE SENT ME A LOT OF GOOD THINGS LIKE DGE AND A PICTURE HOLDER FOR "SPIKE".....

I HAVE THE PICTURE OF YOU NOW,DAD.THANKYOU. MOTHER GET ALL THE CARDS I SENT?DID THE PERFUME AND THE PEN PENCIL SET ARRIVE ALL RIGHT,MOM?I HOPE IT DIDN'T BREAK.I HOPE U HAVE A LOT OF PICTURES OF THE TREE THIS YEAR.THEY HAVE PUT UP LOT OF DECORATIONS AROUND HERE BUT THE SPIRIT IS NILL AROUND ME. BOY CAN I GET A MAD ON.HERB MAYO IS IN THE PACIFIC AND WHIZZER

WHITE MAY COME DOWN ANY DAY.I HOPE HE GETS A CHRISTMAS PASS SO HE CAN TALK TO ME WHILE I COPY CODE.WHEN IS NICK GOING INTO THE ARMY EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY BECAUSE IT'S NO FUN WHEN THEY DON'T LET YOU FIGHT.MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ABL.

Love,
Peter

THE KNOCKERS CLUB

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

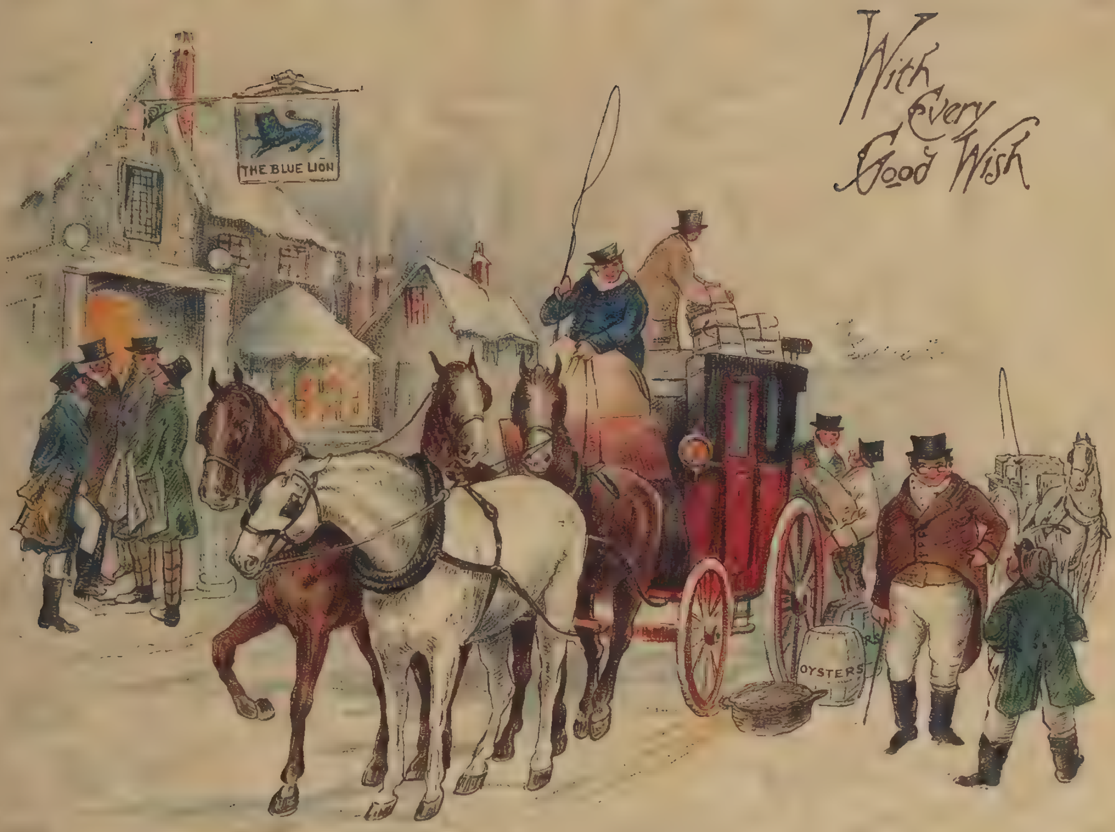
To the Members:

The Fifty-Second Annual Christmas Luncheon of the Knockers Club will take place at the PARKER HOUSE, Boston, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 1944. Members will convene in ROOM 168 at thirty minutes after high noon.

It will be a festive occasion. There will be high and low jinks. Alphonse will decorate the tree with scintillating tinsel. There will be a new assortment of colored balls. The meeting will be called to order at 12:30, followed by our Traditional Open-air Hand Salute to "Kris Kringle". After that it will be every man for himself.

FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

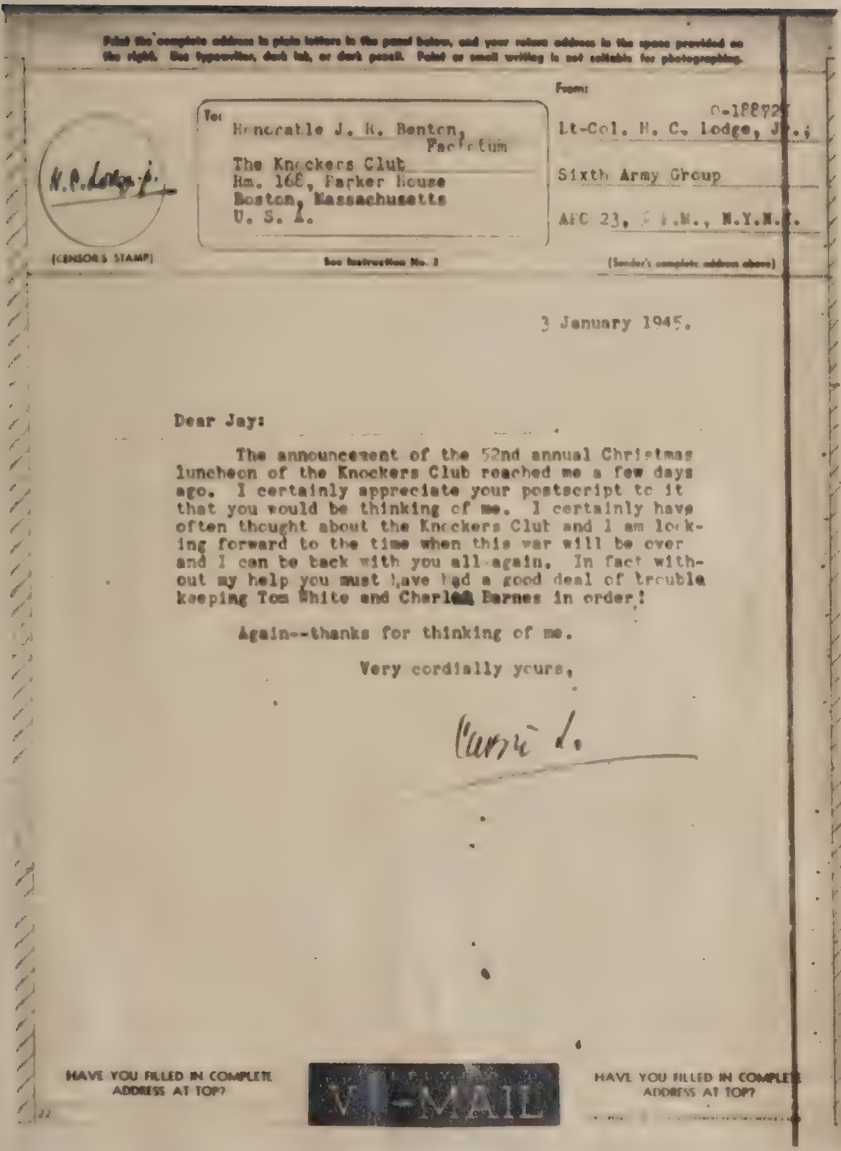
BY:
Factotum


THE BLUE LION
OYSTERS
With Every Good Wish

Cabot send this card from France, which I am sending on to you and the members of the Knockers Club. Emily Lodge

With Heartiest Greetings
and Best Wishes for
A Happy Christmas
and A Bright New Year.

Cabot



Print the complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, dark ink, or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing.

To:
Honorable J. R. Benton,
Factotum
The Knockers Club
Rm. 168, Parker House
Boston, Massachusetts
U. S. A.

See Instruction No. 2

From:
0-18872
Lt-Col. H. C. Lodge, J.
Sixth Army Group
APO 23, P.M., N.Y.N.

(Sender's complete address above)

H. C. Lodge Jr.
(CENSOR'S STAMP)

3 January 1945.

Dear Jay:

The announcement of the 52nd annual Christmas luncheon of the Knockers Club reached me a few days ago. I certainly appreciate your postscript to it that you would be thinking of me. I certainly have often thought about the Knockers Club and I am looking forward to the time when this war will be over and I can be back with you all again. In fact without my help you must have had a good deal of trouble keeping Tom White and Charles Barnes in order!

Again--thanks for thinking of me.

Very cordially yours,

Cabot L.

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

V-MAIL

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GEORGE H. MOSES • CONCORD • NEW HAMPSHIRE

8 December, 1944

Dear Jay:

I am glad to know that my associates of the Knockers Club will be thinking of me at the Christmas Luncheon this year; and I am sorry that they will have to think of me as laid neck and heels with another of the coronary attacks which occur altogether too frequently in my later years.

When the "new assortment of colored balls" comes to view, I hope there will be one of deep amber color officially known as a highball and that you will drink it for me.

Yours, ever,

Geo. H. Moses

Honorable Jay R. Benton
760 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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December 11, 1944

Answered

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

I only wish it were possible for me to attend the Knockers Club dinner on the 22d. Unfortunately, however, with my scattered family, the only way I can see the kids is to meet them in New York, and I am therefore committed to a party with them on that date. I am terribly sorry.

Best,

As ever,

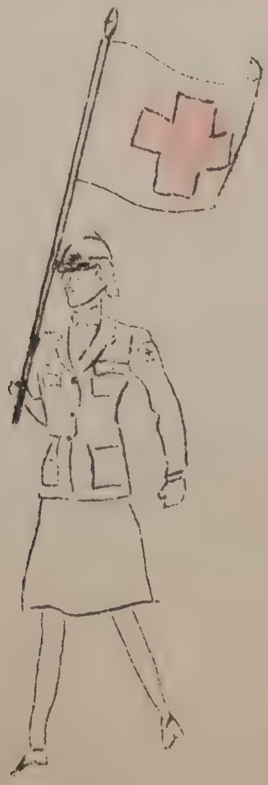
Chris

CAH*B

Joseph P Cotton

Gerard Henderson

You are invited to
our Christmas Party
in Room 1
Friday Afternoon Dec 22
at 3:45 P.M.



"Merry Christmas"

THE UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY AT GUILDHALL, VERMONT

Dec. 22/44.

Dear J:—

I had everything needed to put Cottage in shape for the winter after the "Thrasher," — that is, all but a part of a roll of Roofing Paper. which I got off "Jim's" some he had left over. he did not say as to price, except it's small, if anything at all.

Later — No charge (Thank You)
ur Welcome — Kurt + Jane.

to meet a number of demands outside the regular budget for various desirable purposes.

Dr. Perry and his associates are deeply grateful to the alumni for their enthusiasm, sincere devotion and cooperation through the Christmas Fund which is, and must remain, a wholly voluntary contribution. The men who created it stipulated that no money should be raised by high-pressure methods. Their wishes have been, and will be, respected.

In reviewing the past record of the Fund's accomplishments, much credit is due to class agents for their fine and faithful work, carried on at the sacrifice of a great deal of time and effort without which the Fund could not have grown to its present size and importance.

Although we have mentioned with pride that 2,412 alumni contributed to the Fund last year, we ought to have at least double that number on our rolls. We want and need more subscribers. No one should hesitate about sending a contribution for fear that it may be too small. Any amount will be thankfully received.

I hope that this year we will exceed the goal of 3,000 contributors to the Fund. With just a little extra effort on the part of all of us, it should be accomplished. Exeter is worthy of all of the help we can give.

EDWARD L. SHEA,
President.

Twentieth Annual Report of the Christmas Fund

To the Alumni of
The Phillips Exeter Academy:

Our Christmas Fund, which was initiated in 1922 as an aid to deserving students at Phillips Exeter, has become one of the great traditions of the Academy.

During the last year gifts amounting to $24,066.23 were received from 2,412 contributors, making an average gift of nearly $10. This compares with $17,688 from 2,358 contributors the year before and represents the largest sum received since 1928 from the largest number of contributors in any year since the Fund was started. These results were due in no small measure to the efforts of Jay R. Benton and constitute a fine tribute to his leadership.

This record is even more impressive when the times are taken into account. Although many of them were on battle fronts, about half of Exeter's 3,500 alumni serving in the armed forces responded to the Fund's appeal last year. It was indeed gratifying that many of these men who were unable to send money wrote congratulatory letters on the work the school is doing and on the effort made through the Christmas Fund to help young men in obtaining an Exeter education.

The largest portion of the Fund is being set aside to provide scholarships for the kind of boys who should go to Exeter but who otherwise would be unable to do so. As shown in the financial statement of this report, during the 1943-44 year, 44 young men received 50 grants ranging from $50 to $250 and totalling $5,645.00. In addition $16,703.33 was vested in the Permanent Fund which is now in its eighth year, and $1,717.90 was placed in Dr. Perry's Discretionary Fund

Friday, December 22nd 1944

Having spoken to Charlie Reardon, Pres. of the Metropolitan Coal Co yesterday, a large load of fireplace logs and kindling wood arrived good and early this morning. 36 dollars worth - delivered by the Maine Wood Co - whose place is down on Concord Avenue. Up at the regular time - orange juice - oatmeal - Scrambled eggs with tomato - Toast - had Coffee. Once again - the suit case. Very cold today, to the Square with Frances and giving Herb. Rogers a lift. Subway - got off - at Park St. Ran into and chatted with Harris Reynolds - To Bailey's - bought chocolate and Bon Bons. Chatted with Arthur Kelley, Treasurer of R.H. White's. to Schrafft's but no service - To Tracy's Federal St nice [illegible] for gifts - to the office - pushed work - Tax! to the Faneuil Hall Market - Searched, found and bought a goose to be raffled off at the Knockers Club. Walked back to the office - at 12 o'clock to the Parker

House. The 52nd Annual Christmas Luncheon of the Knockers Club - A hilarious time - The Growth Pictures - Drew Cuts for the Goose - won by Billy Keville - Party over at 3 + Bought some more Xmas Cards - to the Office - had closed the home office at noon - However - Leo Leary & Woody are still there when I returned - So we rode out to Belmont together - Frances was late in arriving home as Boston Red Cross had a Xmas Party today. Later We went over to call on Ed. & Edith Baker - Home for dinner and then to Bed +

Nicholas was a donor at the Red Cross Blood Bank today.

At the Knockers Xmas Luncheon were: Jim Bailey, Charlie Barnes, George Barnes, Benton, Jim Brown, Allen Buttrick, Bob. Choate, Joe Cotton, Eben Draper, Nat. Faxon, Gerry Henderson, Jarvis Hunt, Billy Keville, Jack Spalding, Charlie Sprague, Bayard Tuckerman, Tom. White, & Ray Wilkins.

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

23 Dec.'44

Dear Mom + Dad,

The same old story – fog, and not much of anything else. Its starting to clear up pretty well now tho' so perhaps we'll be able to do something tomorrow.

The C.O., making his weekly inspection of the barracks was muchly impressed with our Xmas decorations!

I spent a couple of hours this afternoon in the code room – in desperation for something to do.

Went to the movies this evening – Saratoga Trunk".

- pretty good. Got a big kic out of seeing some of the places I had visited wit Jeanne.

A nice V-mail from Mary was the only mail for the day. Guess we can hope for a little better regularity afte Xmas.

Sure would give anything if Jeanne & I could be with you tomorrow night. But next Xmas eve we will be - and Spike too!!

Dearest love to all,

Dave

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r. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton
5 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

Flying Fortresses en route over the Reich on Dec. 23 to blast enemy supply lines on the western front

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NEAL O'HARA

Says TAKE IT FROM ME

NO QUIZ today, kiddies. This is always the groggiest week-end of the year for Teacher, and he has plenty to do besides framing Quiz questions. And, we suspect, the kiddies are going to be quite as busy as Teacher. But we'll ring the school bell again on Tuesday.

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of N. O'H. Look, Sade—what a perfect imitation, with the 3 Quiz questions, today's favorite gag, an Old Helpful hint and the answers to correspondents—everything, in fact, except the thoughts while shaving......From Jay Benton's son Pete, now a Marine sergeant at Mojave, Calif., comes a card with not only a holiday greeting, but a felicitation to the incoming prexy of the Clover Club. Thanks, Pete......Sugar Plum, here's a Yuletide gift for you—5 complete visits to the Acadia Health Center, for ladies only, and you can get yourself any kind ntouring (which you surely don't need), or massage, sun lamp treat- just plain ex-

Saturday, December 23rd, 1944

A bit tired this morning. The "Herald" was late in arriving - and Jane brought up my breakfast at 9 - Orange juice - wheat germ - Filet of Sole au Beurre - Scrambled eggs - Toast - Iced Coffee. Read papers - up at 10 - Frances drove me to Harvard Square at 11 - Bought some holly - Mackenzie, the carpenter, came early this morning to put up our Guildhall Christmas tree - Nicholas put up the green branches with so many little pine cones that Karl sent down - I shopped at the Square for 2 hours. home in a taxi - fish chowder for lunch. Mary and Nicholas went to the Cafe Royale in the Hotel Touraine for lunch and then to the show at the Colonial. Rested to 4.30. then walked up to Cushing Square to buy fruit for the holiday. John came up to meet me with the car. At 5.30 Frances, John, + I went over to the Leary's - Merriment. Home at 7. Dinner and to Bed. Nicholas attended the Deb. Party for Miss Betty Tyson at the Chilton Club tonight. Mary out to Xmas Party at the Harlows in Cambridge.

unday, December 24th 1944

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ill to attend the Bitner's Pre Xmas
party for an hour + Home and Sunday
dinner - Sirloin Steak - All afternoon
Mary did up Xmas Presents for me -
At supper time we lighted the Bayberry
andles - Nicholas read "Twas the Night
efore Xmas" and then we hung our
stockings at the fire place. For the
second year we missed David and
eter so much +

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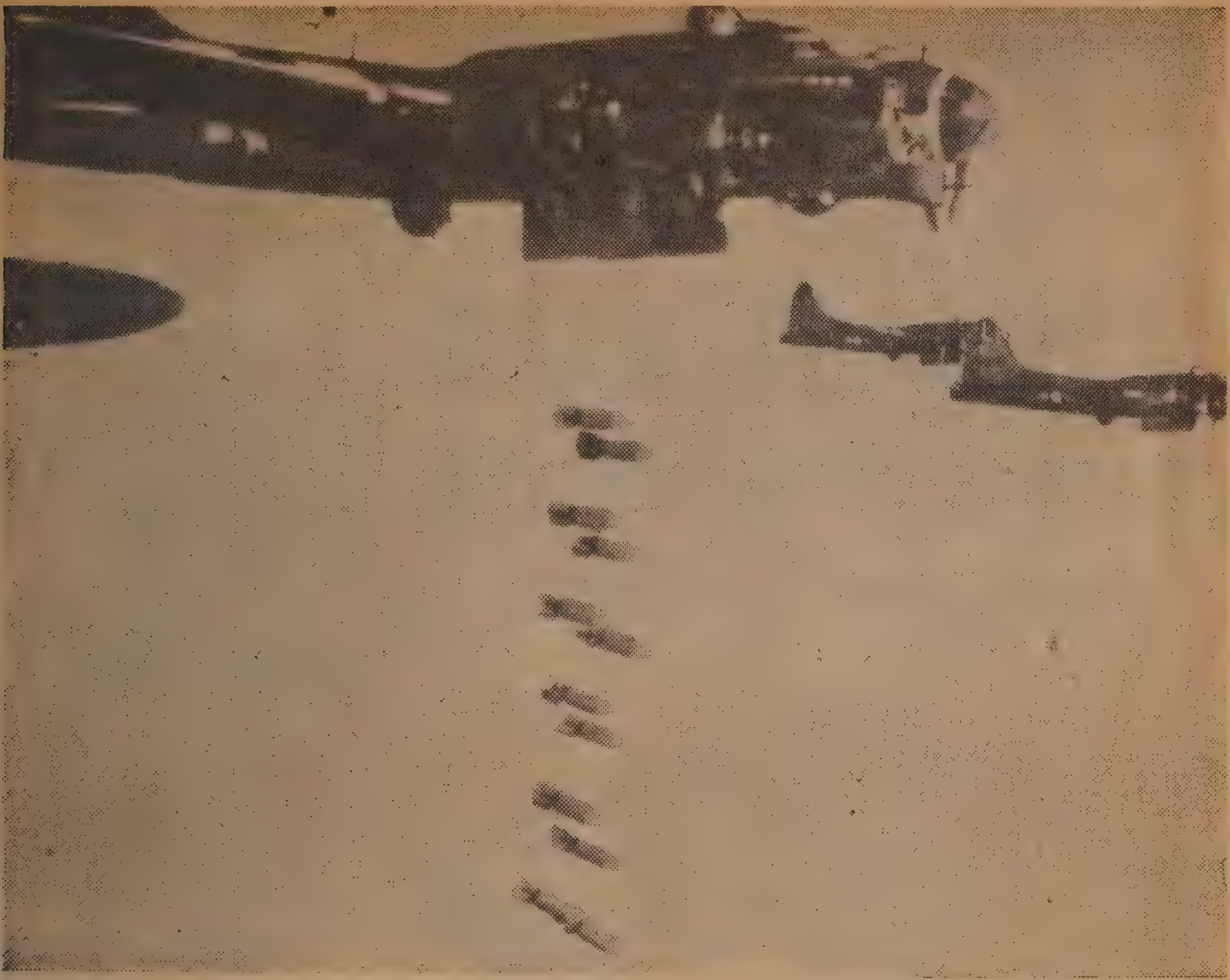
FLYING FORTRESS BOMBARDIER IN ACTION OVER GERMANY

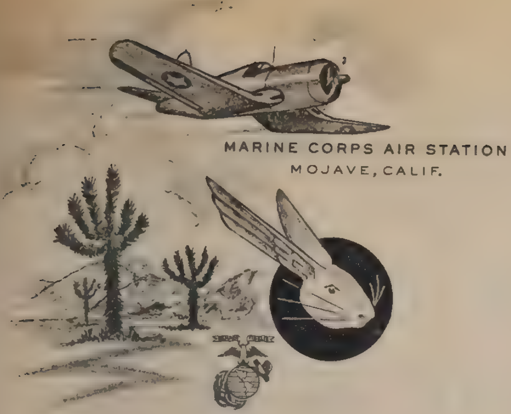


Bombs are sent hurtling down on the enemy during a record attack by our B-17s on Dec. 24

Associated Press Wirephoto (U. S. Army Air Forces)

Nicholas
Reads
"Twas the Night Before Christmas"

CHRISTMAS EVE - 1944



MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
MOJAVE, CALIF.

Christmas Eve -

Dear Mother and Dad,

A Very Merry Christmas to you! This is the next best way of saying it even if our country separates us in body. My heart is home tonight - a little broken but just as proud and good as ever. Mom - the picture is so wonderful that it makes my Christmas a whole lot better. I have it right in front of me now.

I don't think I forgot anybody this year. I hope you got all my presents on time. Did mother get the flowers all right and on time? I sent you a carton of Chesterfields but it was pretty late. Perhaps they did arrive in time. I've had many nice presents and everyone has been wonderful.

I plan to go to midnight mass and receive communion. I would have loved to serve it but next year at home I will if I'm there. The war news is very cheering tonight and it is something that makes you know it's Christmas. I've just dressed and I have my new shoes on. They're swell, indeed!

It's very hard for me to write tonight. I hope I never spend another Christmas from home. The Christ-child's Birthday is ten minutes old at home now. We still have a little time out here. How I need you all. You'll never know what it's like.

I do hope you have a wonderful day, tomorrow, and every day.

Love to all,

Peter

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3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

MRS. HERBERT O. EDGERTON
14 SOUTHWORTH STREET
WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.

Christmas Eve
1944

Dear Mr. Benton:-

What a splendid tribute to my dear husband's memory and friendship for me this beautiful cyclamen is.

Please extend to the Officers and Directors, and, accept for your kind self, my heartfelt thanks.

I wish my pen could adequately express the great pleasure this Christmas gift from the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co - has brought to me.

Gratefully yours,
Emma Theresa Edgerton

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for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS MORNING

Old Fashioned Southern Egg Nog

12 to 2

Greetings and best wishes
FOR CHRISTMAS
and the coming year.

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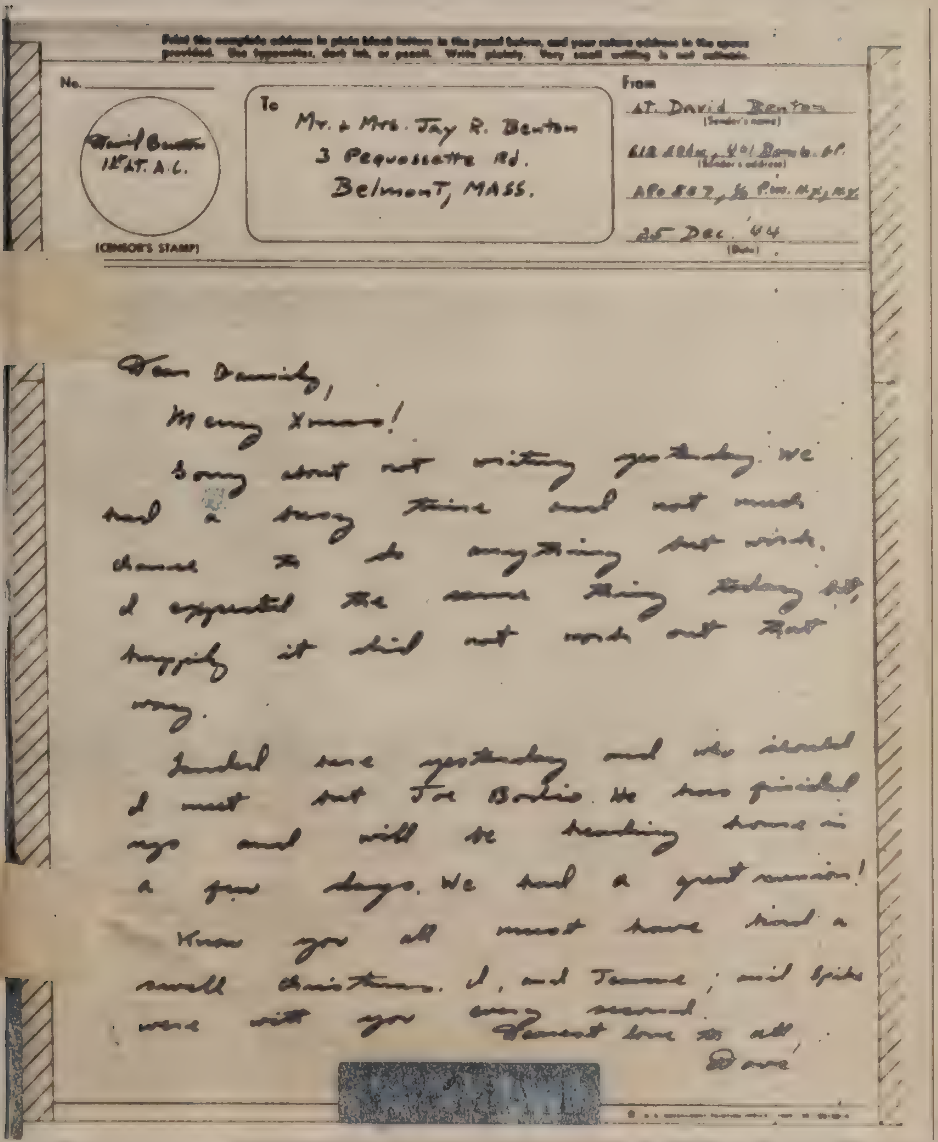

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No.

David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.
(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To
Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

From
Lt. David Benton
(Sender's name)
612 Sqdn., 401 Bomb. Gp.
(Sender's address)
APO 557, c/o P.M. N.Y., N.Y.
25 Dec. '44
(Date)

Dear Family,

Merry Xmas!

Sorry about not writing yesterday. We had a busy time and not much chance to do anything but work. I expected the same thing today but happily it did not work out that way.

Landed here yesterday and who should I meet but Joe Bodkin. He has finished ops and will be heading home in a few days. We had a great reunion!

Know you all must have had a swell Christmas. I, and Tommie; and Spike were with you every second.

Dearest love to all,
Dave

Monday, December 25th 1944

Christmas! I was down stairs at 6.30 and getting ready - took flash lights of the tree. The others did not stir until 8 o'clock when we opened up the first of our presents then the family went to church at 8.30 - at 9.30 we had a fine breakfast of orange juice - corn flakes - Roast Ham - mustard - Cream potatoes - Hot rolls - Iced coffee - then we resumed opening up our presents - Everybody fared wonderfully - at 10.30 I shaved, had a shower, and dressed - including the colorful necktie Frances had given me. Mother arrived at 11.30 with Hannah & Collins. More Presents passed Back and forth, We started the Egg Nog in Father's Big Punch Bowl. At noon the other guests started to arrive. Bill & Freda Moses from Portland, the Bakers, the Sawyers, the Leary's, Pat & Louise & children, Helen, Barbara, Ross & Janey, Joe & Eleanore - Merriment to three o'clock - when the last guests departed - Mother stayed to dinner - Roast Goose - which was not too tender. After that upstairs to rest for a while - Down again - to the Big Living Room. Herb, Elsie, and Rachel - also John's friend Tomm

Hemmill his girl friend Gloria Leslie, and another fellow by the name of Huntington — Finally upstairs at 7.-

ELEANOR
+ MOTHER.
CHRISTMAS
1944

FROM THE FORESTS PRIMEVAL OF SOU

The Tree from Guildhall.

CHRISTMAS. 1944

ANNE
Nicholas

MARIE
DORA

MILDRED

FRANCES

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

CHRISTMAS - 1944

WATERMELONS!

CHRISTMAS - 1944

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CHRISTMAS - 1944

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THIS YEAR WE RECEIVED

356 CHRISTMAS CARDS

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FOR CHRISTMAS
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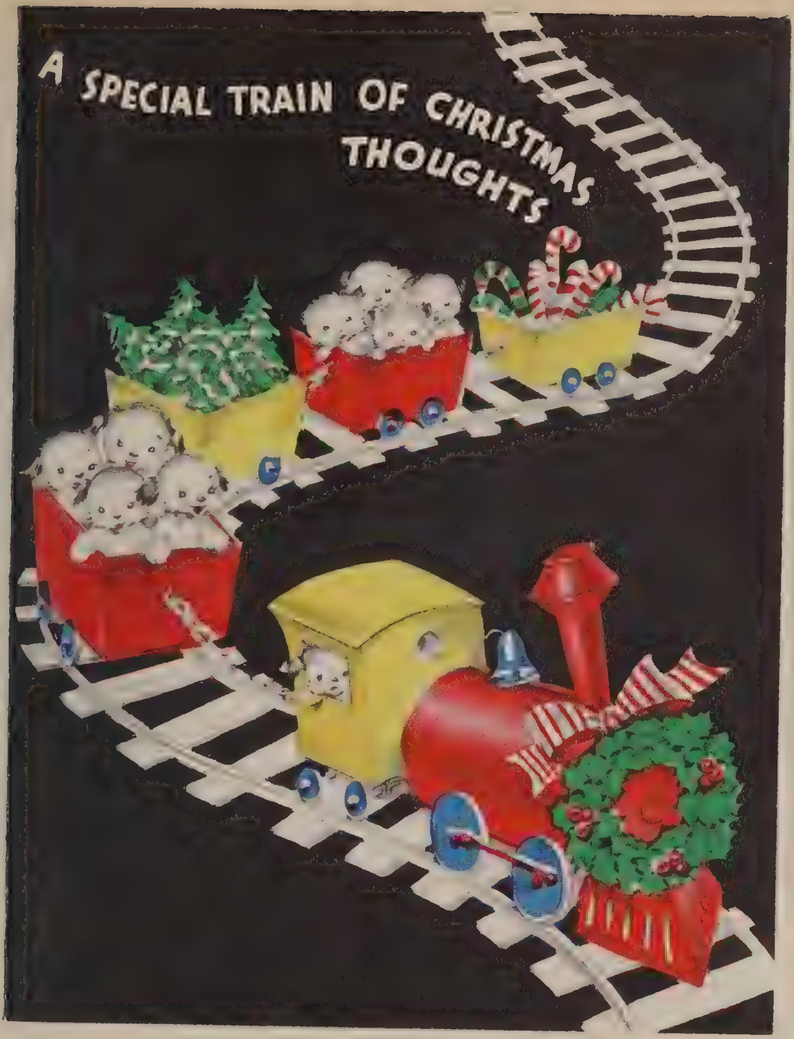
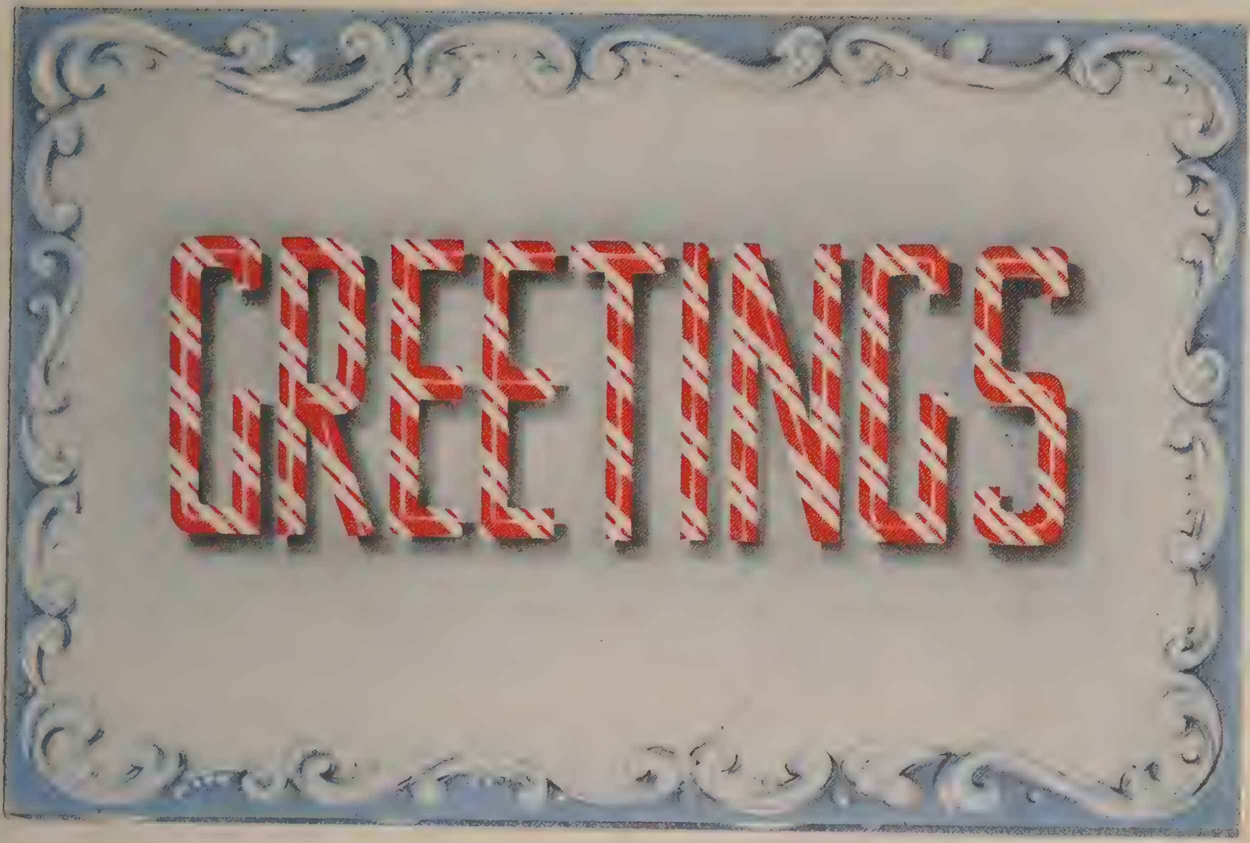

A SPECIAL TRAIN OF CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

A Special Train of Christmas
thoughts
And New Year wishes too,
Speeds along
the Christmas Track
That leads today to you.

Love
John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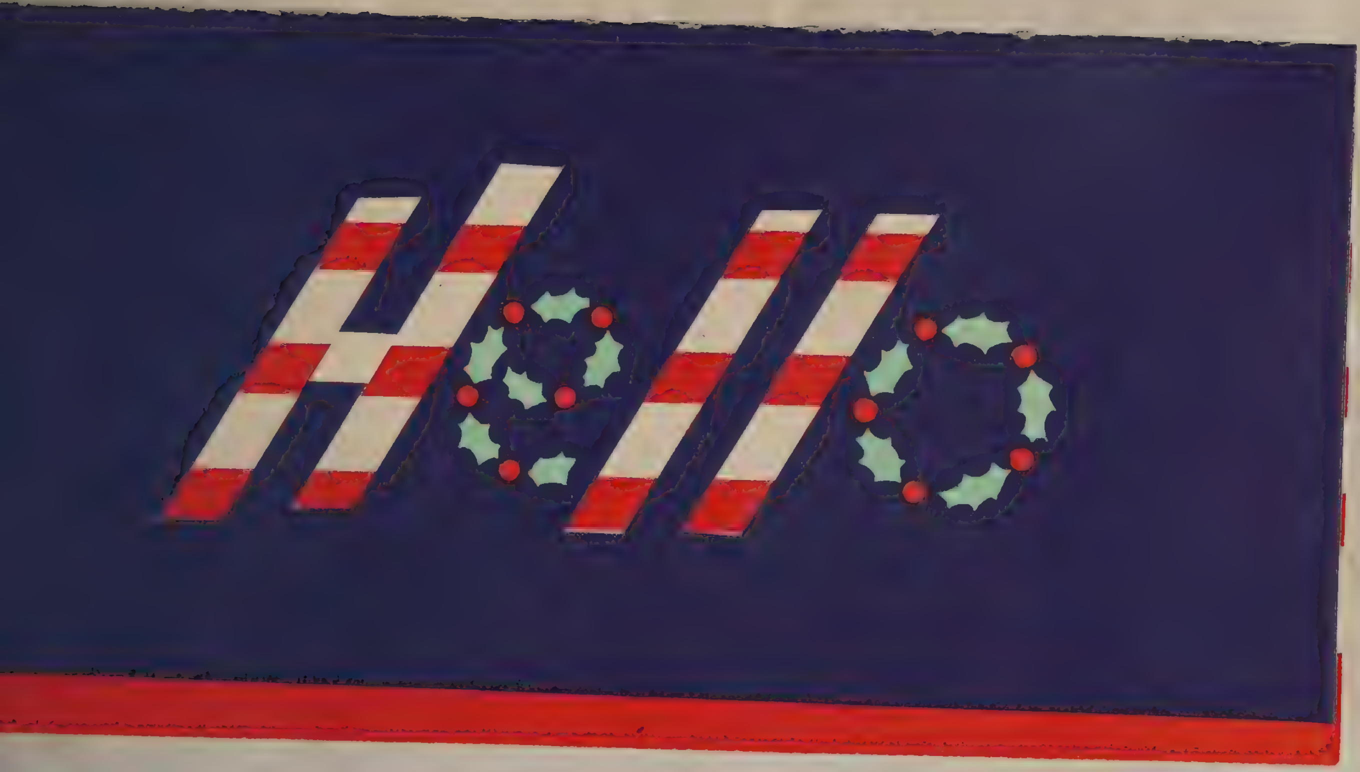
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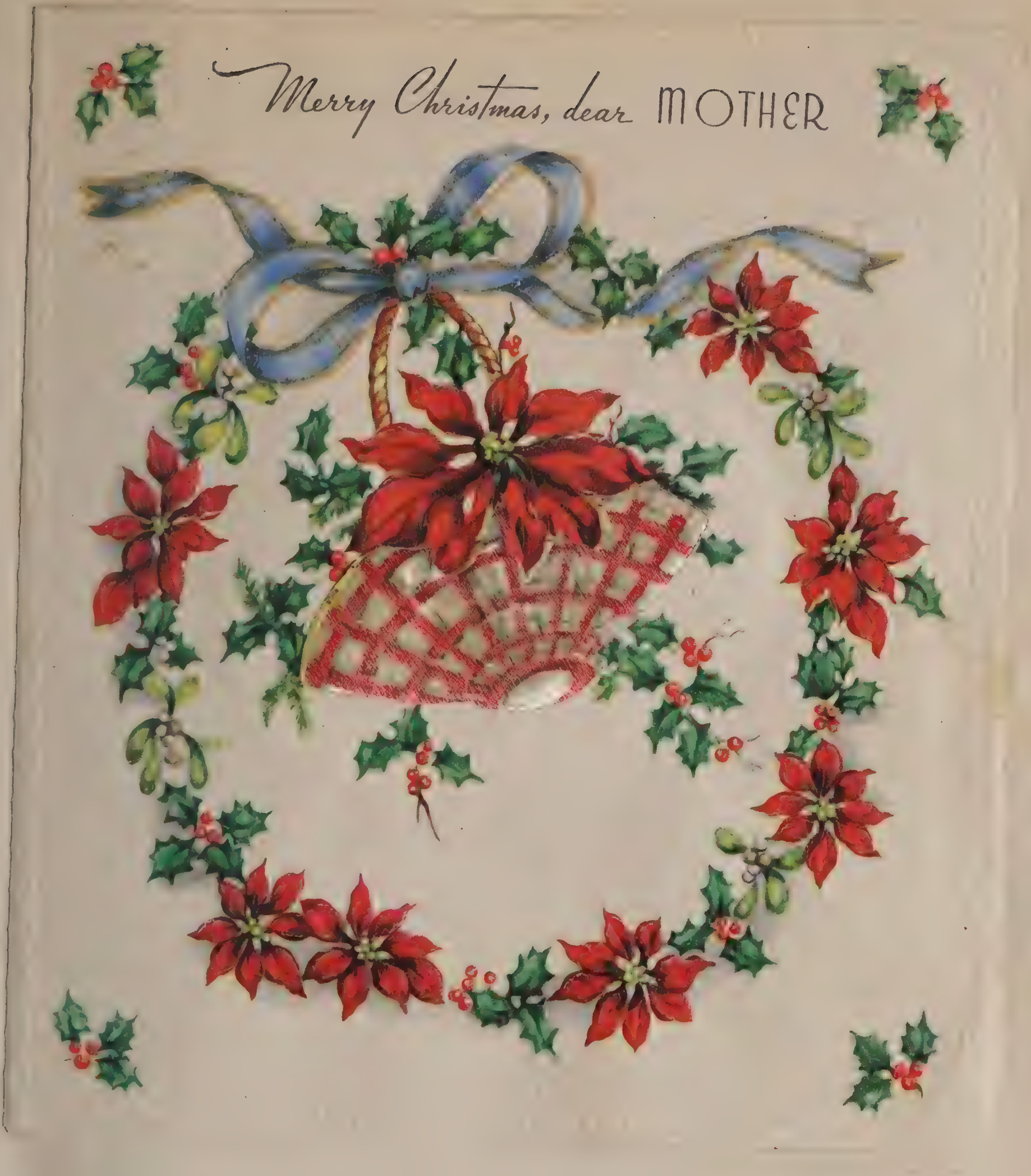
A MERRY ★

CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY

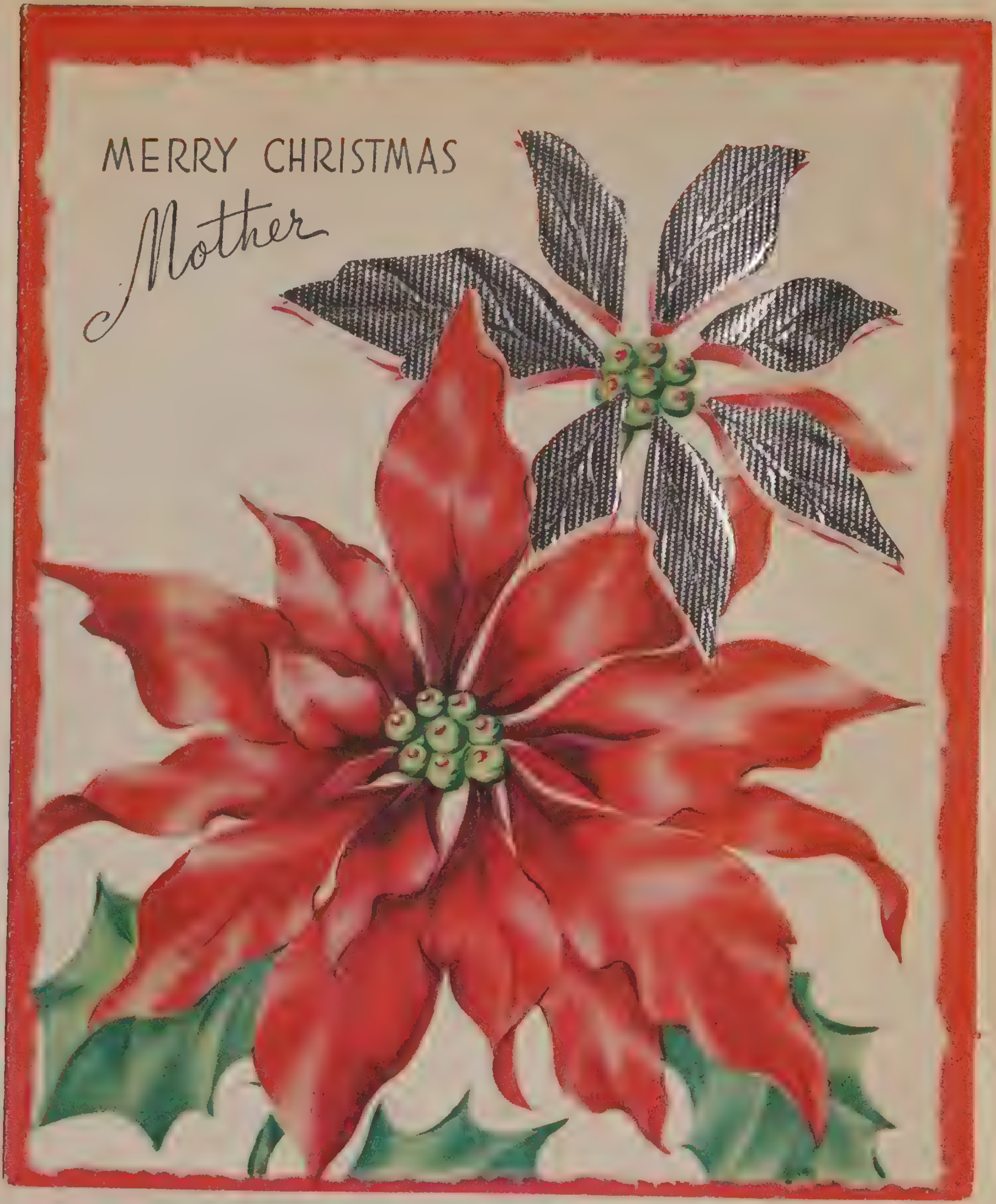
★ NEW YEAR

JEANNE AND DAVID BENTON


Merry Christmas, dear MOTHER

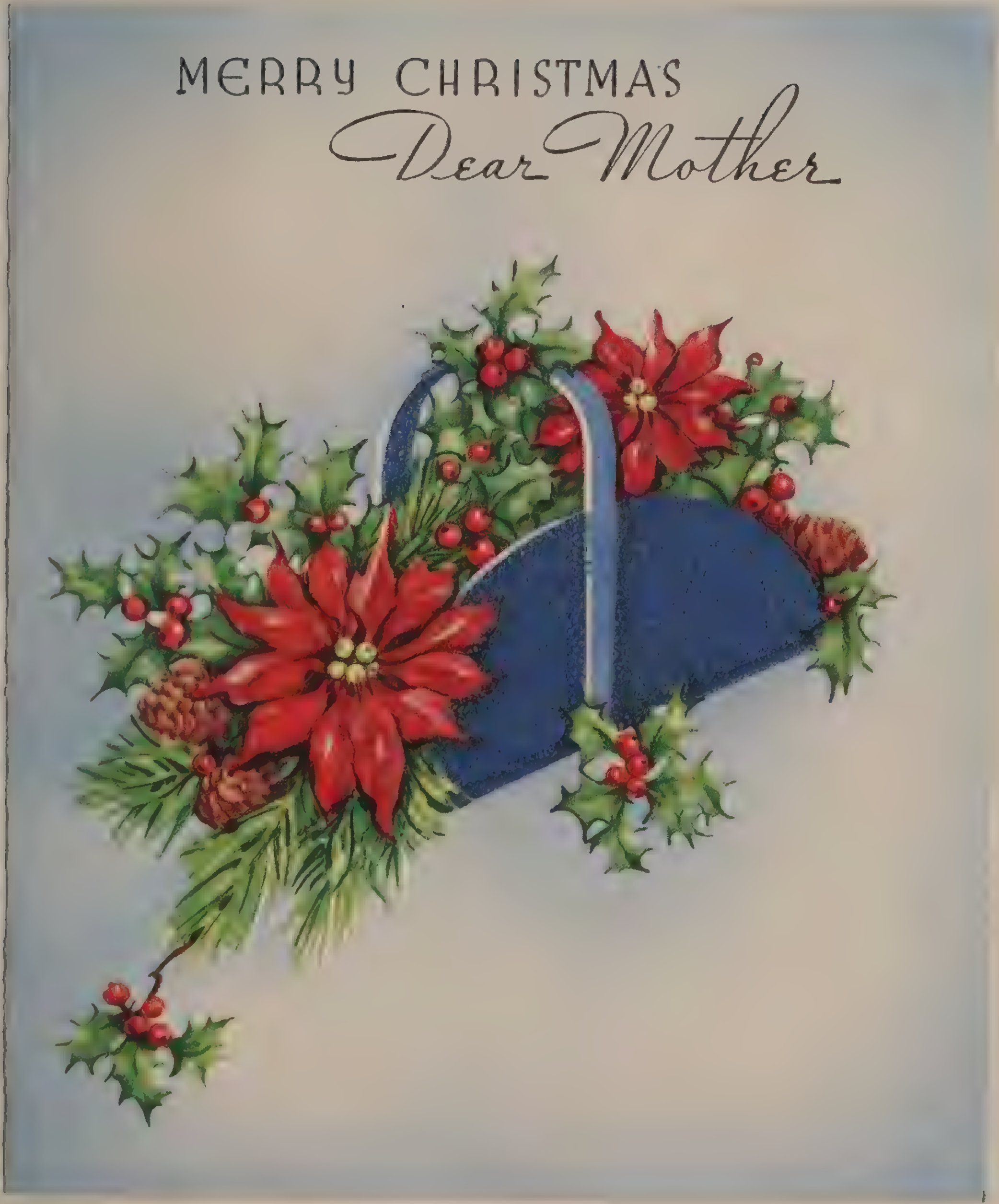
Here's a Christmas message
For the dearest of all Mothers
The one who's always doing kind
And thoughtful things for others,
The one I love with all my heart
Because she is so fine
And at Christmas time and always
I am proud that she is mine!

Love,
Peter


MERRY CHRISTMAS
Mother

May the joy of Christmas
Its happiness and cheer,
Invade your heart
and make each hour
A bright one, Mother Dear.

Love,
Peter
Your Sergeant



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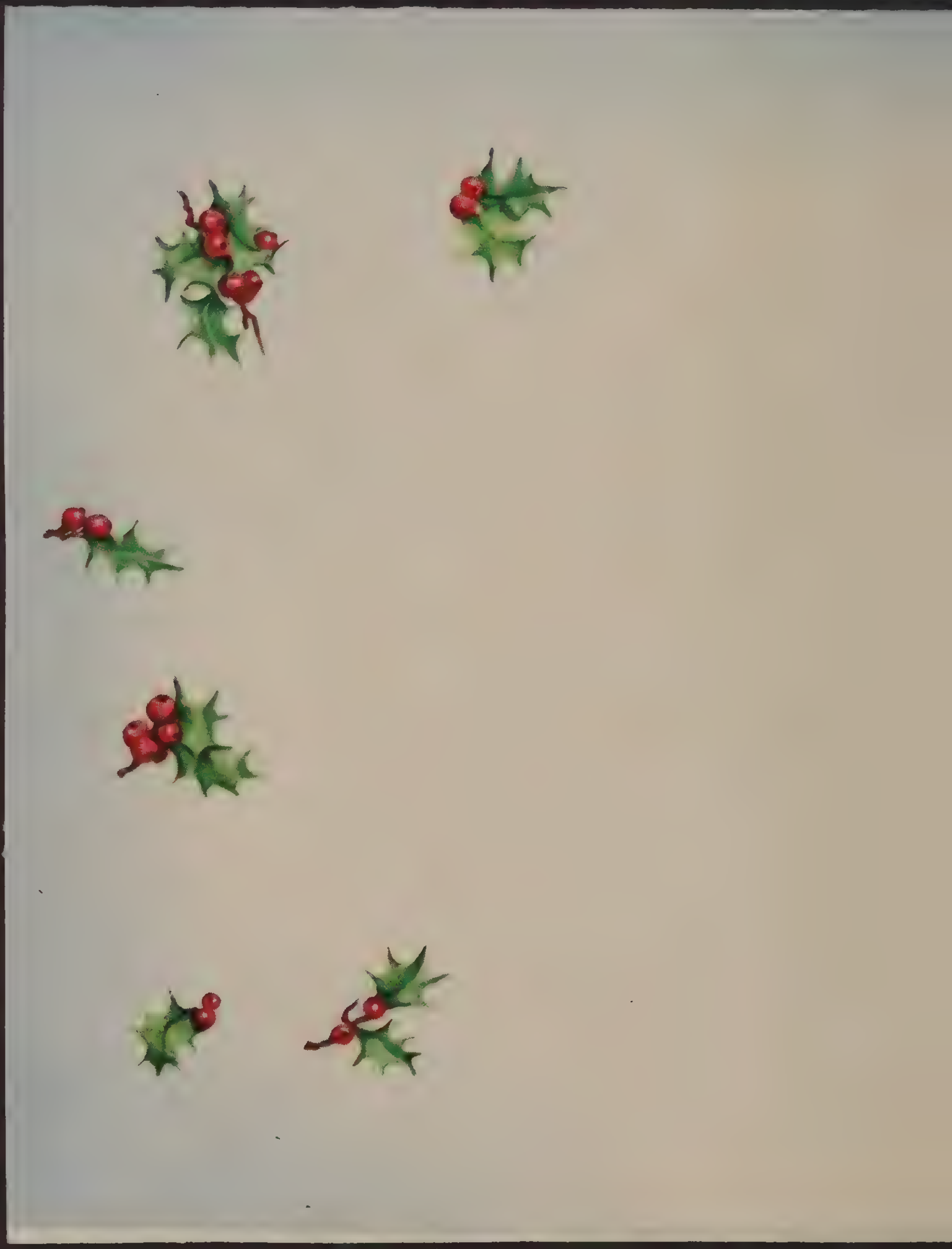
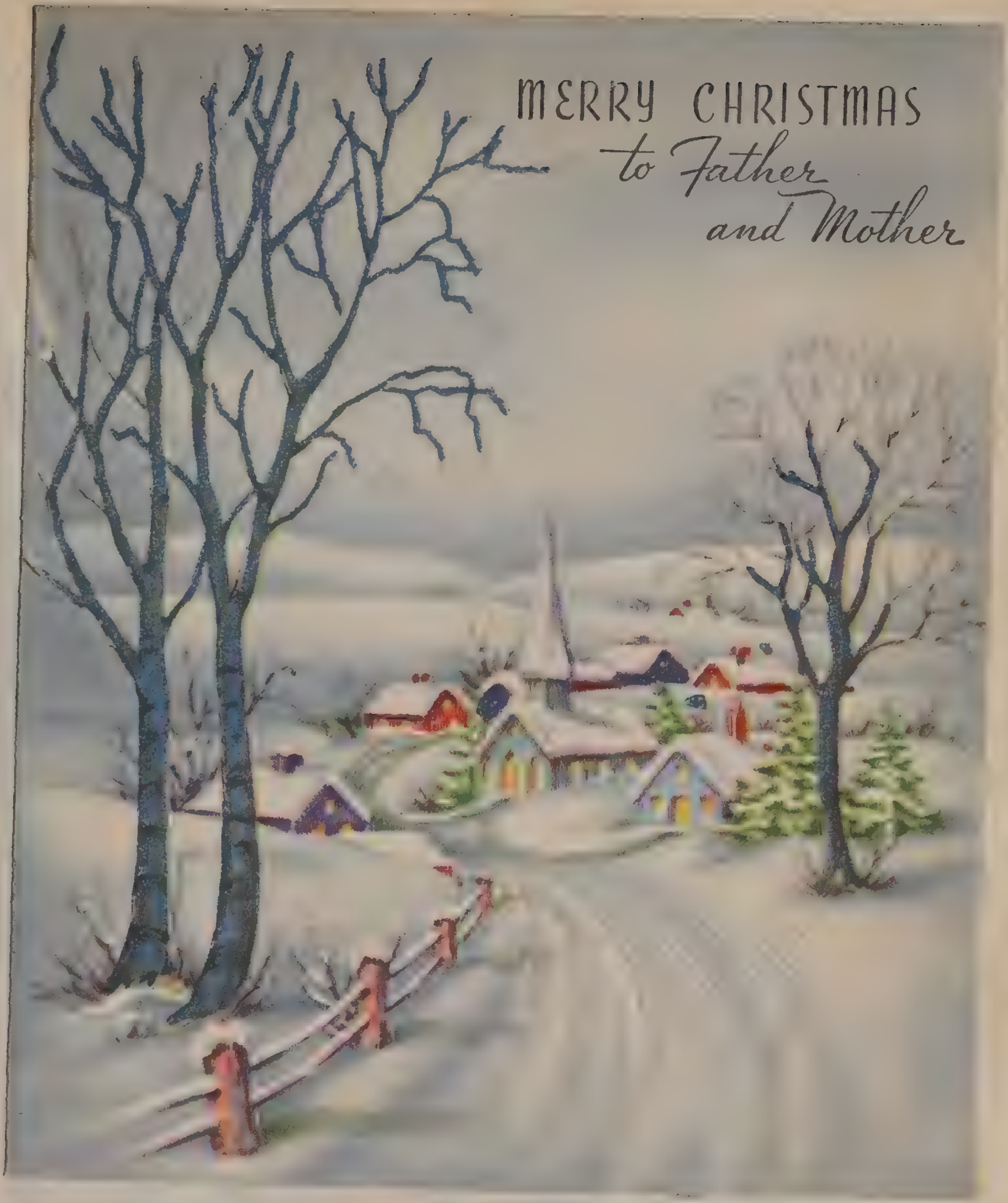
Dear Mother



May Christmas bring to you,
Dear Mother,
All you would ask
in joy and cheer
And may your heart
ever be glad
Within a new
and happy year!

Dear Mom - I sent another couple of presents to you this afternoon. I hope it is what you'd like.

Love, Peter


MERRY CHRISTMAS
to Father
and Mother

Again it is Christmas
And all wishes true,
Dear Mother and Father,
Are going to you;
And with them, as always,
The love and good will
That makes Christmas pleasure
So much brighter still!

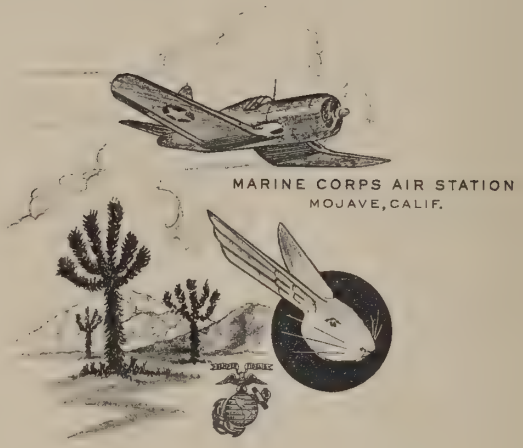
To the finest of
all with my great love;
Peter

Merry Christmas, DAD

Luckiest
Am I ~~lucky~~? Yes indeed!
And the reason's plain to see
It's because I have a Dad like you
Who's as grand as he can be
And I'm wishing you a Christmas Day
That's very gay and bright
With luck, success and happiness
Through a New Year that's just right!

To you Sir, my wonderful
father, a Very Merry Christmas!
Love,
Peter

Greetings.



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MOJAVE, CALIF.

An Old
Fashioned
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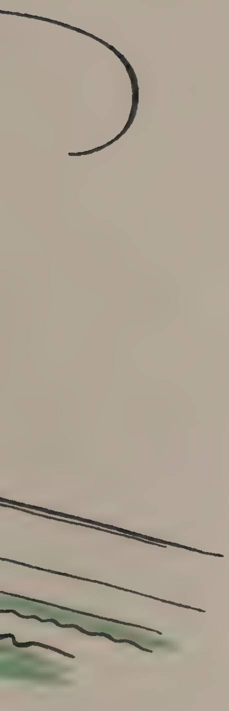
for You

A CHRISTMAS OF JOY
AND HAPPINESS
A NEW YEAR OF PEACE
AND PLENTY

Love,
Peter

Merry
Christmas



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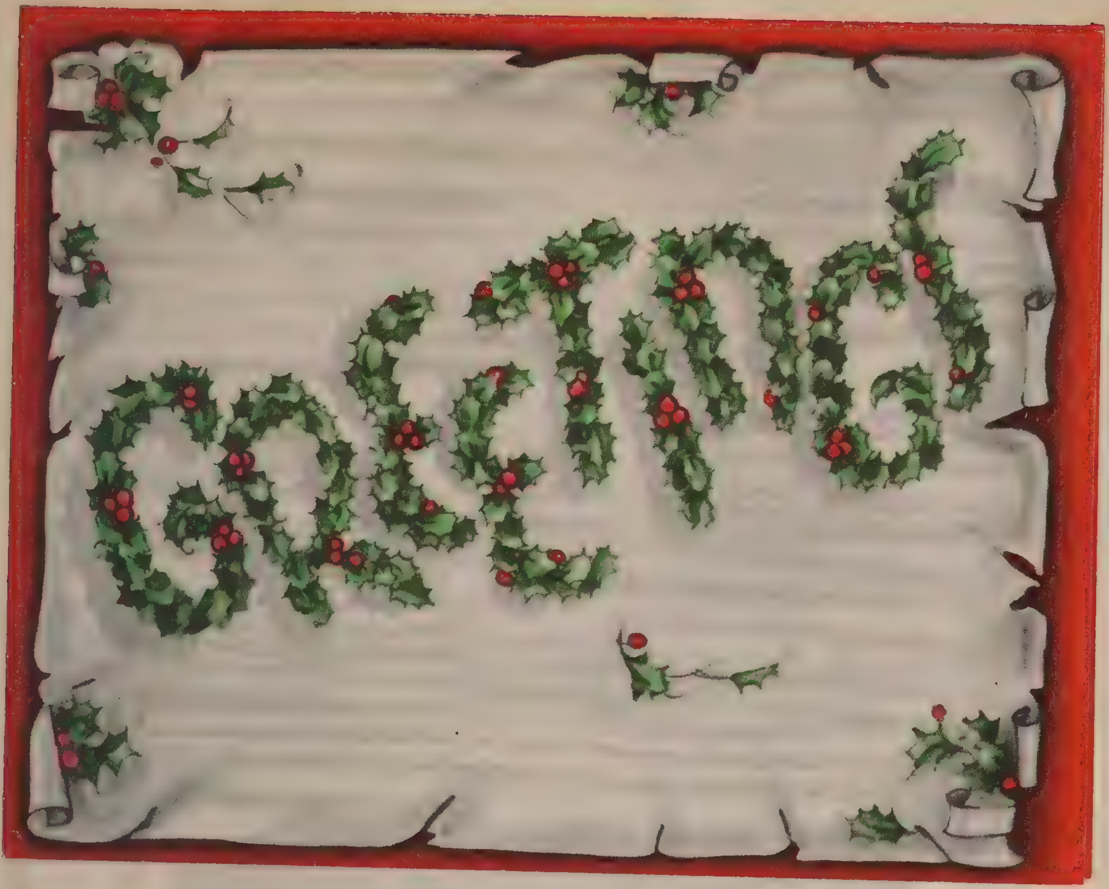
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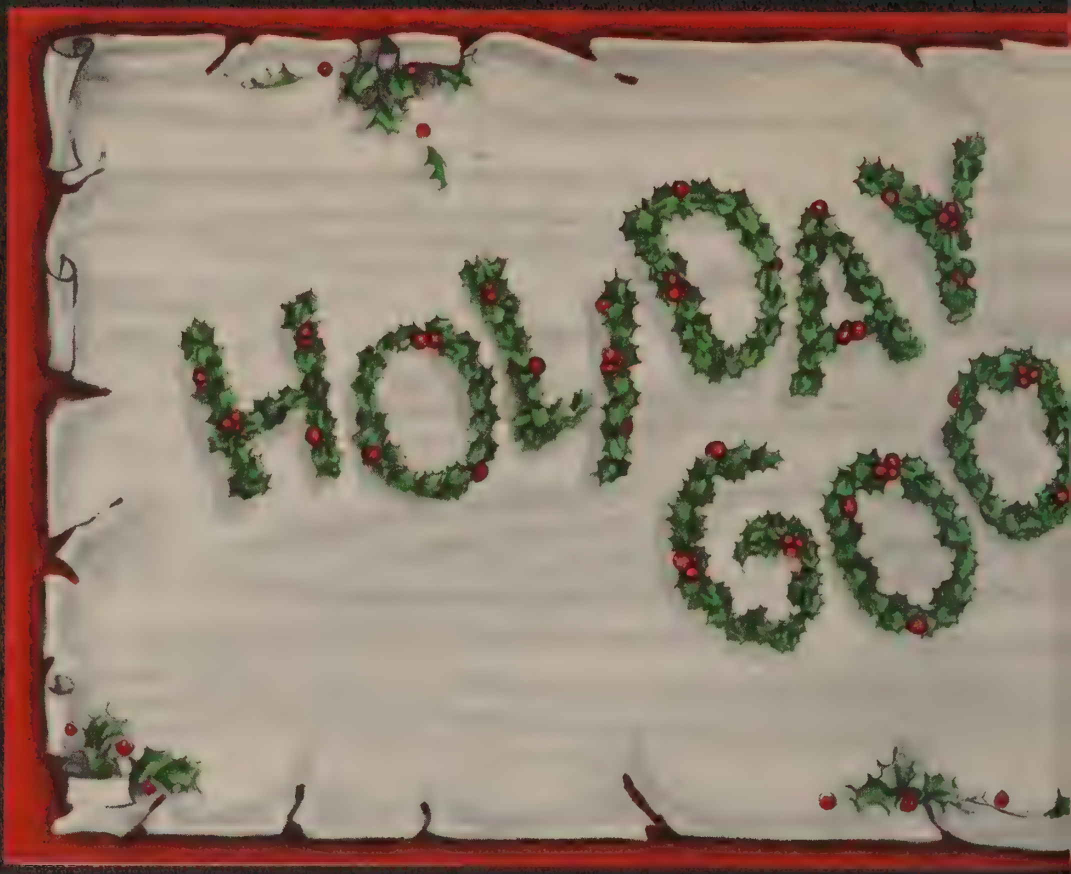

HOLIDAY
GOO

Blanche Benton Lonegren

Box 244
Easthampton - Mass

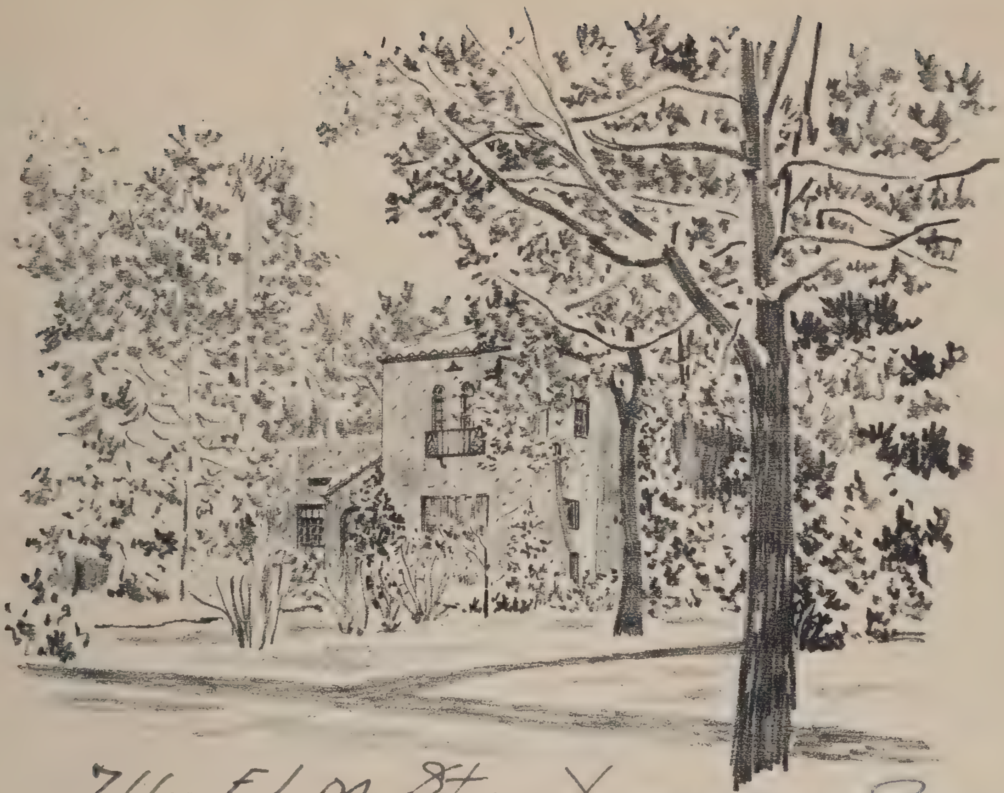
CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

BEST WISHES

for

CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR

Collins, Hannah and Jane
accept with pleasure
your kind invitation
for
Christmas Day
from twelve to two.



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John E. Bentons

Holiday Greetings

The Bentons

Jean Janet John

1944

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OFFICE OF PROSPERITY ADMINISTRATION

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Issued on Christmas Day, 1944

TO Jay & Frances & all the family

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God Bless You at this Christmas-tide!

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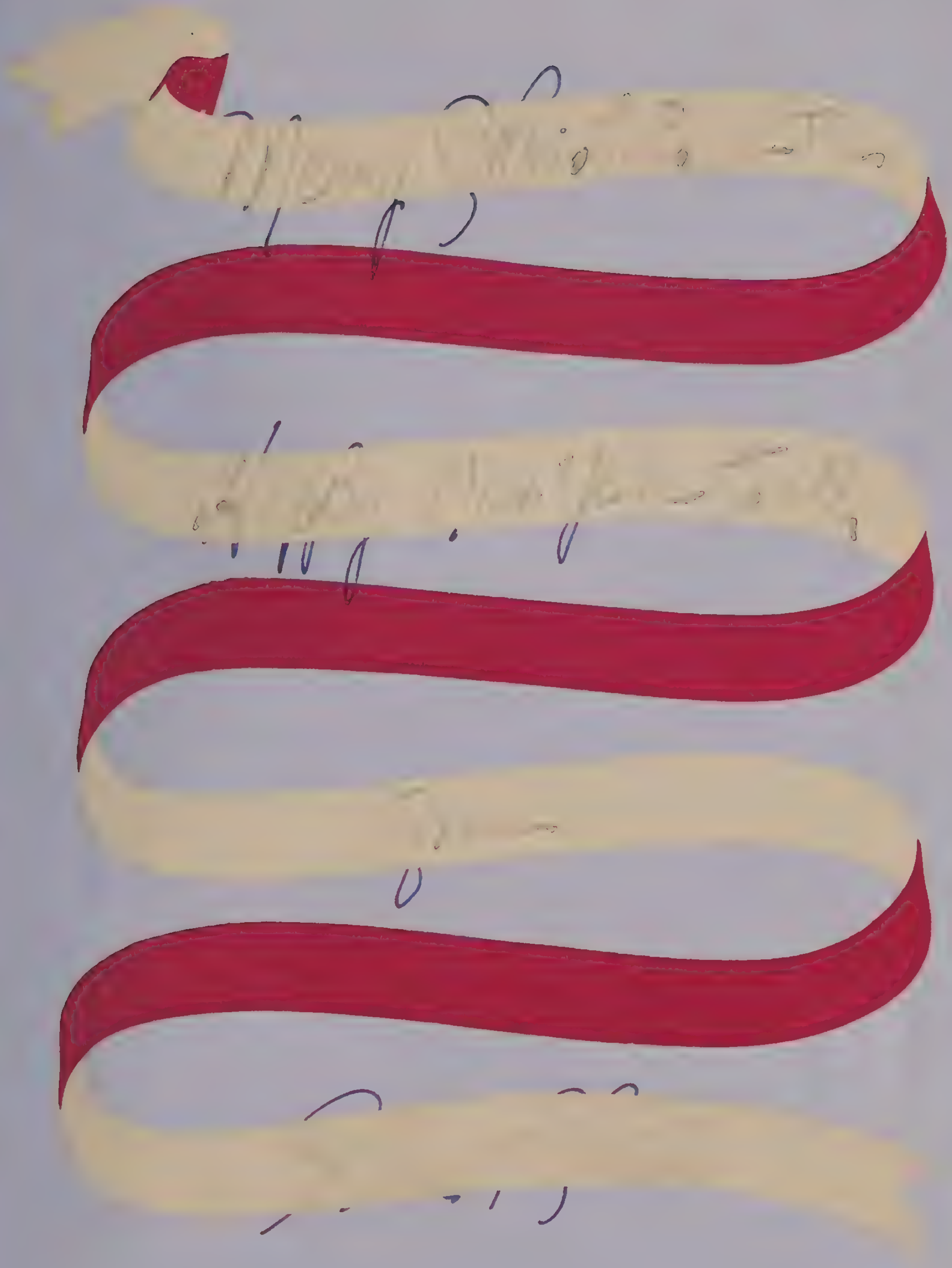

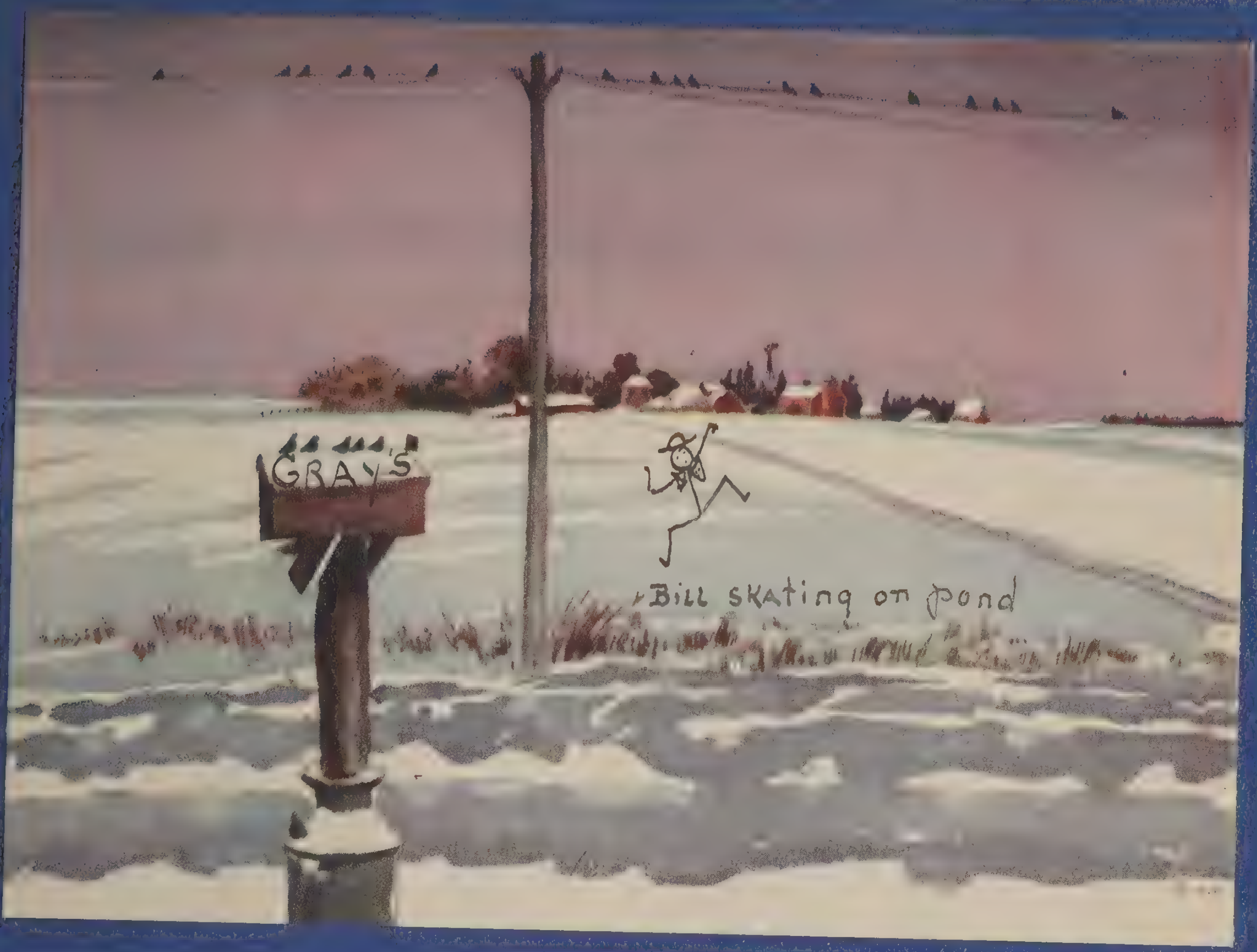
GRAY'S
Bill skating on pond

Season's Greetings

AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Pat and Neil [illegible]

THE UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY AT GUILDHALL, VERMONT

December 25th., 1944

Hello There! Remember Us?

The Hayes' of Guildhall

In the early days of Vermont as well as in the other Colonies, it was common practice to help a neighbor in trouble.

If a man fell sick, others did his work; if a barn burned, the entire community turned out to help build a new one.

Trouble has always cemented people into closer friendship.

The early settlers "weathered the storm." United we'll "ride this one out."

Merry Christmas

December 17,1944.

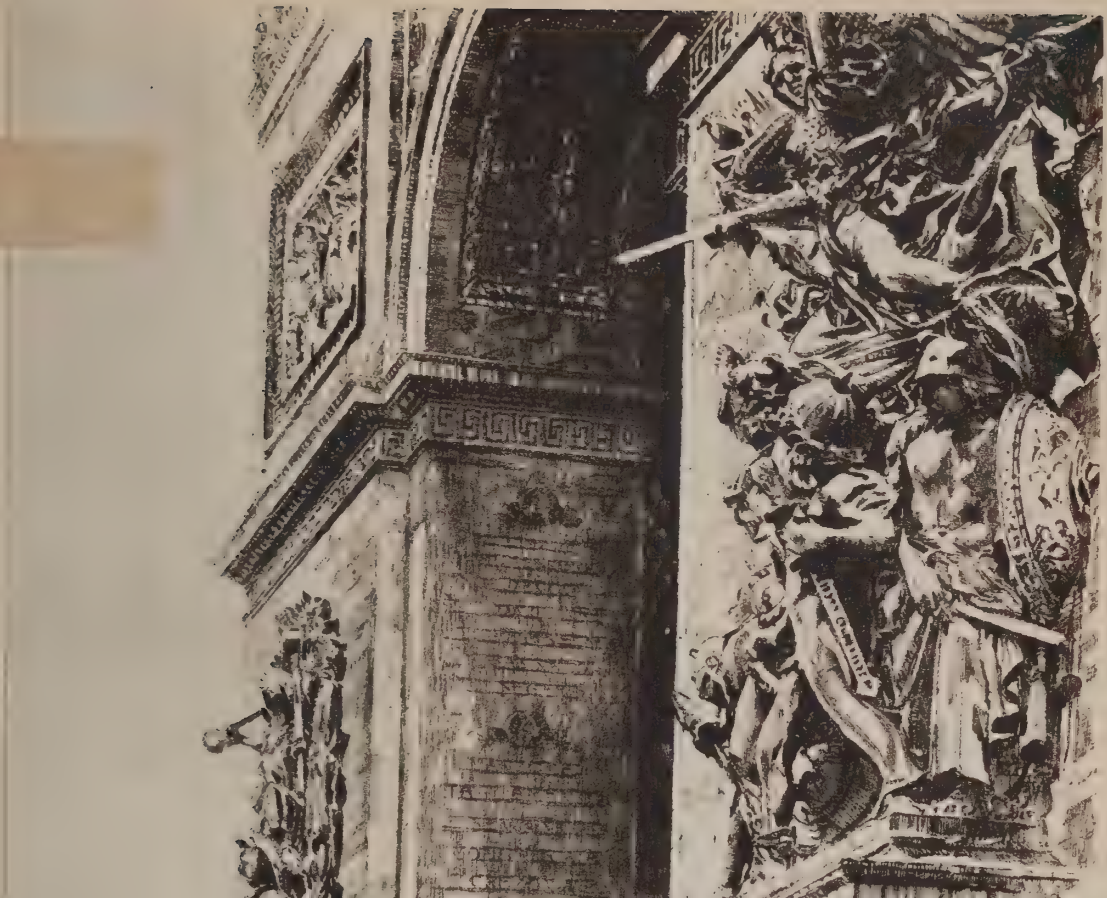
Dear Frances,-

That is a most imposing list of the members of your family and their contributions to the War effort and we are all justly proud of it and of them,but I feel that it is incomplete,as you have modestly refrained from making any reference to the wonderful work that you have done and are still doing with the Red Cross .

With all the best wishes to you all for the Christmas and New Year festivities.

With love,

Uncle Clarence



NOËL 1944

LA MARSEILLAISE

Allons, enfants de la patrie,
Le jour de gloire est arrivé!
Contre nous de la tyrannie
L'étendard sanglant est levé!
Entendez-vous dans nos campagnes
Mugir ces féroces soldats?
Ils viennent jusque dans nos bras
Egorger nos fils, nos compagnes.

Aux armes, citoyens!
Formez vos bataillons!
Marchons, marchons!
Qu'un sang impur
Abreuve nos sillons!

All best wishes to you both and to all of the family. For Xmas and the new year.

Thank you for your lovely Card of greetings and congratulati on "the array of "warriors" in the family".

AMERICAN RELIEF FOR FRANCE, INCORPORATED

affectionately
Aunt Caroline.

Dec 1944.

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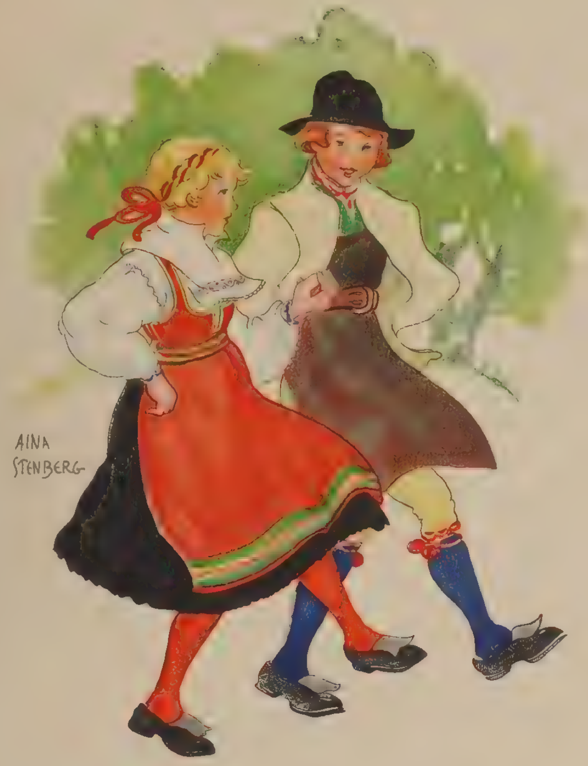
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year -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Signe + Basil Gavin

Christmas at Exeter

1944

TO THE ALUMNI:

I am writing this letter to you on a particularly beautiful November morning just after coming into the office from Chapel where the singing of the seven hundred boys was filled with more spirit than usual. As they sang I thought of you and the part that you are all playing to make our program possible. You are all a part of it.

Our lists record thirty-five hundred old boys in the service and there is little doubt that there are nearly four thousand in the war, about a third of all our alumni. These boys are constantly writing to us about their memories of the school and their hopes for what is happening at Exeter. Here is an excerpt from a letter written to his mother by a Corporal in the United States Army Air Forces, overseas, a member of the Class of 1933:

> *"Will you please send along my check for $25.00 for the Exeter Christmas Fund? The check is made payable simply to Lewis Perry and mailed to him at the Academy. I realize this is a large amount—larger at least than usual—and at a time when I can ill afford it. But there are some things which are just as important as defeating Hitler, though in a different sense, and one of these seems to me to be the kind of thing that the Academy has done and must do in the future."*

Those of us who are directly responsible for the Academy take our work seriously at all times, but never more so than now. It is three years since the attack on Pearl Harbor, three years since the war became uppermost in our minds and hearts. The older boys, of course, are preparing for the different services and the younger ones are wondering if they will have a chance to get in. In the last war there was great restlessness in the school, as some of you will remember, but during the last three years there has been no restlessness at all. Because the draft age is eighteen education in America has been stabilized at the preparatory school level

JAMES A. DORSEY
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
LAW DEPARTMENT - CITY OF BOSTON
11 BEACON STREET

FAYETTE 6200

397 COMMONWEALTH AVE.
KENMORE 6880

December 14, 1944.

Honorable Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Road
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Your very different Christmas Greeting came to hand in due season and I am taking this first opportunity of acknowledging your kindness in remembering me. You and Mrs. Benton should be very proud to be able to send such a Christmas Greeting, with four of the Bentons in the Armed Service.

I join you both with the hope and the prayer that this time next year the war in Europe at least will be over, and that there will be a happy Christmas reunion in the Benton homestead. Having two sons myself fighting in the Seigfried Line, I fully appreciate the feelings of yourself and Mrs. Benton during this season of the year.

With kindest personal regards, believe me, as always

Faithfully yours,

Jim Dorsey

and the boys realize that for a time at least this is their last chance at an education. The representatives of the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps have all urged the boys here at Exeter to get as much schooling as possible and to work hard until the time comes for their period of service. This has been a great help to us.

While the war has been with us day and night we have tried, with the help of the older boys, to keep America always in the mind of each boy. Our Sunday lectures this fall have discussed race discrimination. The Golden Branch and the G. L. Soule have been unusually active in debating American questions, and I think every boy in school knows that we are an American school which has gone through every crisis in our Country since the Revolutionary War and will meet many crises in the future. As someone said last spring, in speaking of the Athenians: "a great people is a people whose ideas have greatness and who follow those ideas." When Exeter was founded Americans loved the quality of liberty more than their safety or their possessions or their lives. These ideas are our heritage and we cherish them.

I ask you at this Christmas time, which in some ways may be a more cheerful time than the Christmases of the last three years, to think of the school and, if possible, send in a remembrance. It will help us give other boys some of the advantages the school gave you.

My best Christmas wishes to every one of you.

Lewis Perry

EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE
DECEMBER 4, 1944

My dear Son -

How many lovely things you did to make this special Christmas a happy one for me - So many sweet smelly bottles and boxes - The magazines the great collection of bulbs which promise me so much joy with beauty of flowers; most of all your kindness you expressed toward me all the afternoon - just at the time I needed it so much.

It was a happy Christmas for me with my children and grandchildren. -

Many many and many a thank you for

everything –

Lovingly

Mother

December twenty six
nineteen forty four

" Give me this year, just priceless things —
The sweetness of the past, that clings
To old familiar holidays;
Bedimming my nostalgic gaze
In retrospect, with cloying tears.
Give me the peace of other years,
Their soothing gift of ordered leisure,
The quiet place and peaceful pleasure
In simple things — the oft-heard tread
Of cherished friends and kin, now dead,
Who shared our lives, and loving vied
In building dreams that have not died.
Give me the smoke of cedar wood,
The musk of pine where children stood
And speechless stared with dazzled eyes,
As, tinselled, towered to the skies
Their peak of bliss: Give me the sound
Of children's voices gathered round,
Their treble voices wafting light,
Old carols through the crispy night.
Give me a world of sparkling snow,
Of holly, wreaths, and candle's glow;
The glow within, the far-off jingle
Of phantom sleigh, the breathless tingle
Of tiptoed joy on Christmas eve,
The trustful faith in make-believe.
But even more, I ask this year —
The youthful heart that holds them dea

Dear Frances,

Thanks a million for everything you did yesterday to make my Christmas such a happy one. You and Jay gave me so many things - many bottles and boxes, a lovely handkerchief - the

corsage - and above
all your sweetness and
kindness to me - I
can't tell you how very
much I appreciate it all
In spite of the goose -
(did you bake it - parboiled?)
your dinner was grand.
and I had a good
time all day —
. with all my love —
Mother B
December twenty six
nineteen forty four —

January 18th

Dear Jay & Frances:

Arrived today, the Card from "Life" announcing another 52 weeks of interesting reading and many, many, marvelous photographs and pictures. So enjoyed by all three of us — Mother

wrote me a nice letter the other day - told me all about Jay's new Greater Boston Committee. What a busy life you all are leading. How grateful we all will be to have the tragic war over & the loved ones back. My prayers each day enfold you dear ones & absent from you - Thank you again for myself and the girls for another year of enjoyment.

Love
Blanche

David Benton 0-771886
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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

26 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

As you probably guessed from my V-mail yesterday we were forced to spend Xmas at another base. Almost had to work yesterday — we were all set to go at 5:00 A.M. but, the trip was called off at the last minute. Got a break in the weather and flew home today.

We had a nice Christmas dinner — Drumstick etc., last night. Also had a few drinks of Scotch with Joe Bardis to celebrate the day.

I shall really be interested in hearing all about your holiday activities. Gosh, what I wouldn't give to have been there with you all!

Hope to fly tomorrow and I think we will. I have so very few trips left to make — want so much to get them out of the way!

See you soon.

Dearest love to all,

Dave

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Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

December 26, 1944

Cecil C. Cohoon, Esq.
508 Terminal Building
Oklahoma City, 2, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Cohoon:

The large box of pecans arrived at my office safe and sound last Friday. I am very much obliged for your kindness in remembering me so handsomely at Christmas time.

I extend to you my best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

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December 26, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Many thanks for your very lovely Christmas greeting and your message congratulating me on my appointment as manager of our Boston office.

Above everything else it is heartening to know that my friends wish me well, and their support will be a great encouragement to me in my new duties.

I sincerely wish that the New Year will bring you and yours health and happiness in fullest measure, and above all a just and lasting peace with the swift return of all those we love.

Sincerely yours,

Billy

WCB/EKL

AND NOW—'TWAS NIGHT AFTER—

The day after Christmas was a very subdued and silent period around most offices and establishments. A man, out and around trying to do a little business, couldn't find much but pale faces, solemnly intent upon nothing in particular. It struck this correspondent to wonder why nobody had ever done a poem on "The Day, or even the Night, after Christmas." Now it develops that a fellow did. His name was Russell Kay, and it stands full blown in a new and very swell litttle book, "I'll Go Quietly," by Fred Russell, Sports Editor of the Nashville Banner, and one of the better sports scribes in the business. Here's a sample:

"'Twas the night after Christmas, and, boy what a house! I felt like the devil, and so did the spouse. The eggnogg and turkey and candy were swell, but ten hours later, they sure gave me hell. The stockings weren't hung by the chimney with care; The darn things were sprawled on the back of a chair. The children were nestled all snug in their bed, but I had a large cake of ice on my head.

"And, when at last, I dozed off for a nap, the ice woke me up when it fell in my lap. Then, for some unknown reason, I wanted a drink, so I started in feeling my way to the sink. I got along fine till I stepped on the cat; I don't just recall what occurred after that. When I came to, the house was all flooded with light; although under the table, I was high as a kite . . . "

Then he goes ahead to tell how he somehow got back to bed, and "what to my wandering mind should appear, but a miniature sled and eight tiny reindeer. But the sled turned into a red fire truck, each reindeer into a bleary-eyed buck and instead of St. Nick, it was the Old Nick driving. He was shouting, 'Now Eggnogg! Bacardi! Four Roses! and Brandy! Now Fruit Cake! Cold Turkey! Gin Rickey! and Candy!' To the top of his dome, to the top of his skull, Now whackaway, crackaway, with thumps that are dull."

But the night finally passed, and he thought of the New Year a few days away, and made a pre-New Year's resolution: "I'm sticking to water, don't want even ice. For there's nothing as tasty, nor nothing as nice. The night after New Year's may bother some guys, but I've learned my lesson and, brother, I'm wise. You can have your rich victuals and liquor that's red, But what goes in my stomach won't go to my head. So a big Happy New Year to you and to all; I'm back on the wagon, and hope I don't fall."

Tuesday, December 26th 1944

Slept late - for breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - fried eggs + Bacon - toast - iced coffee. As Frances went late into Red Cross - I went to town all the way on the cars. Work all morning - Over to the Bank, with Lane + Skinner to take in and take out securities, to the Knockers Club - Had Finnan Haddie - Tomato + Lettuce Salad - Tangerine + to the Traveler office - then Jordans to leave 2 films - 2 Filenes for 2 shirts + Office - Real Estate - Worked to 4.45 - then home all the way on the cars + Went up to call on Mother for a half hour + Back to the house, Dinner at 6.30 - Chicken Soup. Boiled Chicken. Rice + gravy - Boiled Onions + Lettuce + Tomato Salad. Cream of Tartar Biscuits - Milk. A little apple Pie + Cheese. Up to Bed at 7, very tired tonight - Getting good and cold today.

New England Shivers in Near Zero Cold, Snow, Sleet Coming

B-r-r-r! It's cold! Boston and New England were in the grip of shivery weather last night and early today as the mercury nose-dived to near zero readings after comparatively mild Christmas weather.

Wednesday, December 27th 1944

Cold today. Up at the regular time —
Orange juice - wheat germ - Creamed
Chicken on toast - Iced Coffee +
to the square with Frances. Subway - Office -
work all morning - out to lunch at
12 with Everett Lane - to the Country Plate -
Filet of Sole - Tartar Sauce - Carrots + Peas -
Rolls - Coffee Tangerine - on the cars to
Belmont - to Mother's at 11 Oak Avenue -
there at 2. Eleanor came in her car at 2.30
to take Mother to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital -
Hannah waiting there for her + I got off at
the Square - so subway and to the office +
work - Young of the Advertising Co. in - at
4 came Fred C. Church Jr. and Dan.
Bloomfield to discuss Boston Development
Council matters - then the three of us went
up to confer with P.A. O'Connell at Slattery's.
Over at 5. Cars all the way home. Little
Living Room. Hannah called from the
Hospital. Dinner at 6.30. Soup -
Goose Croquettes - Carrots and Peas -
French Fried Potatoes Cream of Tartar Biscuits -
Milk - Banana Shortcake + Upstairs at 7.10.
Nicholas to matinee - Colonial "Lady of ?"
Tonight Dance at Belmont Hamilton Rooms -

SENT TO DAVID AND PETER

December 27, 1944

Dear

Christmas Day - 1944: While outwardly it was merry and bright, our though were always with you, and our Christmases cannot be the former golden celebrations until our two sons are back with us again.

The day started in early at 6:30, when I was downstairs to take care of the last minute details and take a couple of flash bulb pictures of the tree from Guildhall. The rest of the family came down at 8 -- when we started to open the presents -- and then the family were off to Church at 8:30. Later we had a fine Christmas breakfast -- Roast Ham, Creamed Potatoes, Hot Rolls and Coffee. Came more opening of presents -- a lot of fine gifts passed back and forth -- and yours were a delight and a comfort.

Mother came over with Hannah and Collins at 11:30 -- more exchange of presents -- followed by Kathleen and Jane coming in with Father's Big Silver Punch Bowl filled with the traditional Egg Nog. At 12 our various guests started arriving and after a while the Big Living Room was filled. Bill and Freda Moses from Portland, Ed and Edith Baker, Frank and Mildred Sawyer, Helen, Barbara, Ross and Jamey Bell, the Learys, Pat and Louise and most of their children, Eleanore and Josiah. It was after 3 when the last friends departed. Mother stayed for dinner. It was a large goose this year -- however it was a little on the tough side. Late in the afternoon came the Rogers, John's pal Tom Hunnewell and his girl and another young man. It was a long and strenuous day and I was glad to turn in at 8. I was well supplied with film and flash bulbs and took a lot of pictures. I left the film at Jordan's yesterday -- hope to have the prints to mail to you on Friday, the 29th.

I hope that you had a good time on the holiday and that the gifts that we sent were reminders that all at home were thinking of you and wishing so much that you could have been with us. Next year we will all be together and then it will really be "Merry Christmas".

Lt. Benton 0-711873
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Daniel Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

27 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

Nothing much new to report today. I fully expected to fly right up 'til the last minute. Why we didn't - je ne sais pas.

Went into town and took in a movie this afternoon - two very old American films.

The last few days have been extremely cold. News item: All our latrines are frozen up - solid!

Several Boston "Heralds" came in the mail today - no letters tho', darn it all!

Wonder what your plans are for New Year's eve? There is to be a party at the Officers club here but, I expect, as usual, to hit the hay early that evening. My "holidays" can wait a few weeks for some real celebrations with my families.

Once again, I fully expect to be up in the wee hours and flying tomorrow — but, "you never can tell" — Ha!

Dearest love to you all,

Dave

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Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

Wednesday
December 27th

Dearest Mom and Dad B.,

Thanks so much for calling this evening! — grand to talk to you and to know you had a fine Christmas.

Your gifts are lovely. Mom, the white nightgown is exquisite and, Dad, so is the blue one you sent me. Both so beautiful — and wonderful to have for the "second honeymoon" when my darling husband is home again.

Grandpop B., the blue shawl for Spike is so pretty and just what I need to wrap him (or her!) in.

I was so thrilled to receive the poinsettia from Dave — it's the biggest and most beautiful I've ever seen!

The mail situation is so poor right now. Here's hoping we all get lots of mail and soon! For me there's nothing worse than a letter-less stretch like this

I do wish I could get up to see you again but I'm afraid that is impossible right now. However, it won't be long now before Spike's début and then we'll all be together for a grand celebration.

Happy New Year Wishes and best love to you from us.

And thank you again for the lovely gifts.

Much Love,
Jeanne.

December 27, 1944

Mr. Gordon Moses
President, Rumford Printing Co.
Concord, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Moses:

I desire to extend to you and yours my deepest sympathy upon the passing on of your father. We had been friends for many years and I had a letter from him dated December 8th. We were both graduates of Exeter -- also he was a member of the Republican Luncheon Club here in Boston -- the "Knockers" Club. We have a private room at the Parker House and upon the walls we have the framed pictures of many former members, including Calvin Coolidge, Senators Lodge and Weeks. Therefore it will be appreciated if you will forward to me a good sized photograph of your father. We will have it framed and placed with our other pictures.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, 10, Mass.

JRB:BCC

Guild hall. 14.
Dec. 27. 1944

Dear Francis -

Thank you for the ivory soap you sent me - we will certainly enjoy using it. The goblets are beautiful also the other glasses we received from you & Jay. We heard through Daniel

at home for Christmas. Pete
Fogg was here - in fact Gladys
had all her children - how nice.
Alice & Jule came Sunday &
stayed until Tues. Jane went
back with them for the rest of
the week. We received about
some of snow Christmas day.
It was 20° below here this
morning, really was cold.
Mollie Thomas received a diamond
which is her engagement ring. She

Hall, David was expected home for Christmas, so hope he will make it. It really wasn't too happy a time any where. The McAlister boy was buried Sunday from the church, (account in the Democrat) he received 2nd degree burns all over as the ca. but wasn't afraid. It was the first casualty to come home. Several boys were

boy friend is in the Pacific.
Harry & Lena gave Isabel a
beautiful diamond for a present.
Suppose you are all looking
forward to David & Jeanne's baby
coming. I forget when it is
supposed to be. We had a card from
Jean, so I presume she is with her
Mother, since she can be. Best of
love and wishes to you all
for the New Year.

Lovingly
Mary

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

28 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

Received a nice big bunch of mail today, including your two letters of Dec. 5. - It's so swell to get back from a mission and find letters from home! Usually we are pretty "bushed" & let-down and a word from home is just the sort of pick-ups that's needed.

Our trip today was fairly easy. Both our navigator and radio operator are now finished and will be on their way home shortly — with the rest of us not far behind.

Another Xmas package — a fruit cake — from Aunt Louis
& Uncle Pat came today. I'm quite sure that all your packages arrived O.K. Thanks so much for everything — it was all so swell.

Pretty sure I'll be busy again tomorrow. With a lot of luck, I can finish this month. Fingers crossed!

Dearest love to all,
Dave

P.S. The two snapshots which came today are super! Can't wait to see the others.

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THE UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY AT GUILDHALL, VERMONT

GUILDHALL — Dec 28/44

Dear Jay:—

Your gifts were some of the first off the "Tree"—the mittens & gloves were swell. put them to use. found them to be a bit of all right. "[illegible] Wales" works fine in them. the Hayeses of Lebanon came up for the day, agreed that they were just fine. Shall clean up here & there with the soap. all appreciated. 'n Damn decent of you to remember the North Country Rube.

Glad you enjoyed the "Vermont Journey" we could picture "Bub" on the job — and J.R.B as narrator.

We have plenty of winter. Snow 'n more Snow: have just cleaned out the drive way to the "Garage" it's piled up to the top of the fences,

The Best for you & Yours in 1945

Stub.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Banking and Insurance
Division of Insurance

100 Nashua St., Boston

December 26, 1944

TO THE PRESIDENTS OF ALL MASSACHUSETTS INSURANCE COMPANIES:

Will you kindly attend a meeting to be held in the Auditorium at 100 Nashua Street, Boston, on Thursday, December 28, at 10:30 A. M., for the purpose of considering certain immediate problems which have arisen as a result of the Southeastern Underwriters' decision.

The problems are so important to the future conduct of your business and your relations with the public generally that this meeting will be worthy of your personal attendance. I realize, however, at this time of year, it may be difficult for you to arrange to attend personally. I respectfully suggest that if you cannot attend personally that your representative should be an Executive Officer with full authority to speak for you.

Very truly yours,

Charles F J Harrington

Charles F. J. Harrington,
Commissioner of Insurance

CFJH:D

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
ASHBURTON PLACE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

December 11, 1944

Hon. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

This is to remind you of the meeting of a group of alumni at the Parker House on Thursday, December 28th, at 12:30.

President Marsh is out of town the early part of this week but will write to you concerning the meeting upon his return. I am merely writing so that you will fix the date in your mind and reserve it for the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Elwood H Hettrick

Elwood H. Hettrick
Dean

BOSTON UNIVERSITY
BOSTON 16, MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
688 BOYLSTON STREET

December 19, 1944

Hon. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Boston University School of Law is considering various changes in its curriculum and operation. In this connection, consideration is being given to the possibility of establishing an Evening Division of the School of Law.

This question of an evening curriculum was presented to the Boston University Standing Committee of the Board of Trustees for the School of Law at a recent meeting. The judgment of that Committee was put in the form of a motion which was unanimously passed. The motion was:

> "The Standing Committee of the Trustees for the School of Law has had the matter of evening law school education presented to it and views the adoption of an evening curriculum at Boston University School of Law favorably but feels that before this matter is presented to the Board of Trustees of Boston University, the problem should be presented to a representative group of the Alumni of the School of Law for their sentiment.
>
> "The Standing Committee views the contemplated action favorably only if the general educational standards prevailing in the Day School are also maintained in the Evening School including entrance requirements, graduation requirements, the same caliber of instruction and the work of the Evening Division spread over at least a four-year period."

Dean Hettrick has already discussed the matter with many of the alumni. One loyal alumnus recommends that we bring together a small group of alumni whose intelligent loyalty to the School is an established fact for an exchange of opinion on the subject. I am therefore inviting you, as one of a small group, to be my guest at a luncheon meeting on Thursday, December 28, 1944 at 12:30 o'clock, at the Parker House. The room in which the luncheon will be held will be listed on the bulletin board. I have asked Dean Hettrick to clear with you the possibility of your attendance, and to express the hope that you will reserve the date for this luncheon meeting. Your attendance will give me pleasure.

With kind regards and the best wishes of the Season, I am

Faithfully yours,

Daniel L. Marsh

24 Auburn Street
Concord N.H.
December 28, 1944

Dear Mr. Benton:—

Thank you so very much for your kind letter. I know that you were one of his old friends and I will see to it that you have one of his pictures as you request. Certainly he was a most fitting person to belong to the "Knockers."

I am glad to hear that he had written you so recently. It has been indeed fortunate that he had been able to keep up an active correspondence even in a more or less retirement.

Thank you again and I will remember the picture

Yours,

Gordon Moses

Icy Roads

Steadily dropping temperatures in the wake of the season's heaviest snowfall today turned Massachusetts highways into treacherous ribbons of ice, causing scores of skidding accidents and injuries to pedestrians.

Thursday, December 28th 1944 X

Snowed, sleeted, and rained most of the night - so conditions are bad today. Up good and early 7 - Breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - Dropped eggs on toast - Bacon - Iced Coffee. Frances did not go into Red Cross today - so I to town all the way on the Cars - talking with Pat - and Joe Miller + Office - worked fast - over to the Chamber of Commerce - to see "Doc" Liming, Dan. Bloomfield, and Charles Lee about notifying key men about the Boston Development Committee meeting tomorrow afternoon + then a taxi to 100 Nashua St. for large conference called by Insurance Commissioner Harrington - held in the auditorium on the 4th floor - presidents of all Mass. Insurance Companies there - Over at 12.15 - Carl Mullen of the Columbian gave me a lift to the Parker House + Attended a luncheon meeting of B.U. Law Graduates with President Marsh - to discuss the advisability of starting an evening law school. Over at 2.15 + to Filene's to buy two more shirts - to the office + Hannah called at 3 about Mother - Work to 4.45 - then with Moody, his step son Ed. + Ned. Mansfield - to Allston and then home + Little Living Room - Girls out - Frances cooking + Lamb Chops -

Baked Potato - Cauliflower au gratin -
Roll - Butter - Tomato & Lettuce Salad -
Milk - Cut-up fruit - Mary's hair -
so ringlet - Hannah called again -
at 6.30 +
Mary brought up radio home from
Raytheon - it now works O.K.
They brought back the motor for
the Kelvinator Ice Chest repaired -
today. It has been gone for months -

Nicholas
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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

29 Dec. '44

Dear Mom + Dad,

Another super big batch of mail came today. What could be better!

The snapshots are really wonderful — eight more came in today's mail.

I'm pretty darn tired at the moment. Today's trip was not too long but, pretty rough. Chances are that I'll be flying again tomorrow so I'm going to bed in just a few minutes. It sure feels good to be this close to the end of my tour. It won't be long now!

We've been having a remarkably long spell of good weather. It's nice to see the sun for a change. This can be the gloomiest place in the world at times — for more reasons than one. Oh, how wonderful its going to be to get home;

And so to bed — a better letter will follow when I get some free time.

Dearest love to you all,

Dave

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CLIPPING sent
By DAVID- Dec. 29th

Record Bomb Blow 8th AF's Yule Gift to Nazis

Over 2,000 Heavies—Biggest Single Mission—Unload on Christmas 'Eve'

While the weather closed in again yesterday to curtail air activity against the enemy the Eighth Air Force was still counting up the results of its Christmas present to the Nazis, delivered Sunday by more than 2,000 heavy bombers and 900 fighters, the largest force of heavies ever flown on a single mission.

Sunday's big air attack was part of a weekend pattern, which continued yesterday, designed to pound the hell out of all communication lines supplying and reinforcing the German armies in their current counter-offensive. It was in direct support of the U.S. First Army forces which have been rolled back into Belgium by the weight of the German drive.

Taking advantage of clear weather, the Dec. 24 mission started for Germany in the morning and the first bombers were entering Germany as the tail of the tremendous column was leaving England.

Airdromes Hit

The Eighth started its Christmas blow last Saturday, when a force of more than 400 heavies, protected by some 700 fighters, struck at airdromes in the Frankfort area from which the Germans had been operating tactical aircraft in support of their offensive. At least eight of the 11 airdromes attacked were rendered unserviceable.

Marshalling yards at Coblenz and rail centers near Trier, close to the Luxemburg border, Kaiserlautern and Homburg were also hit. The Luftwaffe came up to meet the attackers and lost 77 planes in the resulting dogfights.

Col. David C. Schilling

Col. David C. Schilling, of Traverse City, Mich., 26-year-old commander of the 56th Fighter Group, top-scoring group in the Eighth Air Force, came out of Saturday's fights with a kill of five to become the Eighth's highest-scoring pilot now on active duty. His kill of five Saturday was the biggest individual score of the day, and brought his total to 34½.

"My major trouble," Schilling said, after the attack, "was to get my fighters back into formation to come home when we were running low on gas. They just wouldn't quit fighting."

Sunday's big attack continued the pounding of the airdromes at Frankfort. These lie across the Rhine just opposite the bulge the Germans have driven into the 1st Army line. The heavies dropped 100-, 250- and 500-pound bombs on hangars and fields.

Most of the targets the heavies went for were tiny road junctions, railroad crossings, bridges. Clear weather enabled crews to see the targets and to bomb visually. Reports were that the bombing was all "good."

The fighters had a good day Sunday, too, taking on the Luftwaffe in a series of dogfights from which 76 of the Nazi fighters failed to return.

Luftwaffe Weakens

On Monday, the Eighth sent 400 heavies and 400 fighters into the attack. The Luftwaffe failed to put up quite as big a show of resistance and came out of the fighting with 46 of its planes shot down. In addition to the Luftwaffe, however, the attacking force ran through some moderate ack-ack.

The Ninth Air Force took part in the Christmas show, too, its fighters flying 1,172 sorties Sunday in support of the 1st Army. Its activities resulted in the destroying or damaging of 116 Nazi tanks and armored vehicles, 778 motor vehicles, 56 railroad cars and 28 horse-drawn vehicles. In addition, a fuel dump was blown up, rail lines were cut at 20 places, and two bridges were destroyed and two damaged.

The RAF, too, was out over the weekend, hitting at V2 launching sites in Holland on Sunday in addition to bombing airfields at Essen, Dusseldorf and Bonn and the Cologne marshalling yards.

The Eighth Air Force's three-day total of enemy planes knocked out was 218. Its losses for that time were 38 bombers and 40 fighters, some of which are believed to have landed safely in friendly territory.

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December 29, 1944

Mr. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Enclosed are my dues for the Knockers' Club Christmas banquet.

Happy New Year to you and all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Choate
Robert Choate

RBC:b
Enc.

December 29, 1944

Mr. C. Brewer Smith
3702 East 1st Street
Long Beach, California

Dear Brewer Smith:

You are a fine fellow. So good of you to send the box of dates. They arrived yesterday. Mrs. Benton tells me it is almost impossible to buy them in this part of the country. I thank you very much.

Our work goes on here pretty much the same -- a busy year with a nice increase in business.

I am glad you are where the weather is warm and enjoyable. Here we are in the middle of one of our typical New England bitter cold spells.

I want to extend my best wishes to you and Mrs. Smith for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

Good-by, Boston

Good-by, clean air and the high skies of Boston; good-by, blue dusk on Beacon Hill, gulls going to the harbor on the west wind, the homeward-making lights of cars across the Basin where rain strikes at nightfall, the long curve of the Esplanade, the lift of roofs upward to the Bulfinch dome, winter sunset closing over the Charles, spring noons when forsythia breaks out across the town, the Old South Meeting House against a twilight storm. Good-by, city of autumn, city of dusk and morning, city of lavender and gray and mauve, city of cornices and fanlights—most intimate and least known of cities, friendliest and most aloof. . . . Good-by, Boston: I'm moving to New York.

Good-by to the cleanest of streets and the most terrifying of traffic, to crowds walking down the middle of Washington Street, to the tulips and tortured granite of the Public Garden, to the Frog Pond and the swan boats, to Cornhill and Scollay Square, to brown leaves blowing down Chestnut Street and the smell of roasting coffee along Atlantic Avenue, to library windows above the Charles and to little hidden gardens of hydrangea and ailanthus. Good-by to hot bread at Durgin-Park's, to crabmeat and steak at the Parker House, to venison and lobster Savannah at Locke's. . . . Good-by to the Pops, to . . . the best libraries in America, to twisting alleys and soft voices, to bad manners full of kindness, to a formalized ineptitude that thinks itself courtliness, to Adam paneling and Phyfe tables in the offices of executives. Good-by to unhurried walkers, to women in Queen Mary hats and men without gloves. . . . Good-by to privacy, to suburbs of wide lawns and tall hedges twenty minutes from Park Street, to family dinners and the last homes in the East. Good-by to the Athenaeum's calf-bound eighteenth-century books and the hidebound eighteenth-century people who read them. Good-by to all that is left of the eighteenth century, its last shimmer above the horizon of thought, its last habit and color maintaining the village still in the midst of the city. Good-by to simple dignity and simple quiet—good-by, Boston, I'm moving to New York.—From "Minority Report," by Bernard DeVoto. (Boston: Little, Brown. 1940.)

Friday, December 29th 1944

Mother underwent a serious operation this morning at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. She was very courageous about it all - stood it well and came through finely.

Nicholas received his notice today for induction into the military service - he is called up for January 8th

Up at the regular time and breakfast of orange juice - wheat germ - Scrambled Eggs with tomato - Toast - Iced Coffee - As Frances was not going into Red Cross until later, I went into town all the way on the cars. Office, Worked fast - Left at 10. to Jordans to pick up the first Batch of Xmas. Pictures Subway out to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. arrived at 10.50. Went to the offices of Dr. F. C. Newton, Surgeon-in-Chief - Eleanore was there. About 11.15, Miss Dunn, the Secretary, went up to find out, and came back soon that everything was going alright. About fifteen minutes later Hannah came down and told us all was well. After that Jim O'Hare came down —

and then Dr. Newton, who performed the operation. He was fine in the things he had to say. It was thought best not to see Mother today - it would be a strain upon her - so at 12.15 I started back to town. Got out at Park St and went to The Ambassador to lunch. (When I called Frances from the hospital, it was then she told me about Nicholas' notice) for lunch I had fish chowder - Broiled Scrod. lettuce & carrot salad - string beans - Roll - hot Coffee - Tangerine - Went to Penn's to order flowers to be delivered tomorrow to Mother — to the office - Work. Made out checks to pay a lot of household bills - then came a ~~check~~ Telegram from Peter, asking for more money. To the Western Union office to send him some. At 3.30, had a conference with a large group of the key men of the Boston Development Council - at my office - Among those present were Fred. Church, Alden Brett William K. Jackson, Tom Pappas, Frank Hatch, "Doc" Liming, Dan. Bloomfield, Charles E. Lee - Frank Carmichael, Robert S. Wayland, Edward L. HuBBard.

Over at 4.45 - more work. Left at 5 - Home all the way on the cars. Little Living Room - Dinner. Cream of Asparagus soup - Fried oysters + Fried clams. Tarta Sauce. French Fried Potatoes - Rolls. String Beans - Milk - Lettuce + Tomato salad - Cut up fruit. To bed at 7.15 - Mary and Nicholas went out to dinner at the Bella Vista and to the movies at the University.

This was another real cold day and the streets are icy and it is bad going. Had three letters from David today!

Saturday, December 30th 1944

Slept late - it looks cold out the window
Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.45 -
Orange juice - oatmeal - filet of
Sole Worcestershire - Toast - Iced Coffee
Up at 9.30 Left at 10 and the cars all
the way to Park St. then out to the
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital - Hannah
had not arrived. I was there at 10.50.
Saw Jim O'Hare and mother's nurse -
Miss Connors - Mother in remarkable
spirits and strength in view of the
severe operation she went through
yesterday - I visited her carefully,
going in for a few minutes each
time - I stayed until 2.50 until
Hannah came. Then home all the
way on the cars + timed it - 44 minutes
from Francis St. to Oakley Road, + lunch -
Rested all afternoon + listened to
the North-South football game broadcast.
At 5.30 with Frances + Mary - over to
Eleanore + Josiah's - Hannah + Collins
also there - their new "Whoopee Room" +
Back home and dinner and to bed -
John out for the afternoon + evening with
Tom. Hunnewell - Nicholas to Dance at the Lincol

LT. DAVID BENTON'S RECORD

EIGHTH ARMY AIR FORCE

(1)	3 Aug. 44	Strasbourg, Fr.
(2)	5 Aug. 44	Nienburg, Ger. (Berlin Sub)
(3)	6 Aug. 44	Genshagen, Ger.
(4)	13 Aug. 44	Elbeuf, Fr.
(5)	16 Aug. 44	Sohkeuditz, Ger.
(6)	24 Aug. 44	Weimar, Ger.
(7)	9 Sept 44	Mannheim, Ger.
(8)	10 Sept 44	Gaggenau, Ger.
(9)	17 Sept 44	Groesbacke, Hol.
(10)	19 Sept 44	Hamm, Ger.
(11)	25 Sept 44	Frankfurt, Ger.
(12)	26 Sept 44	Osnabruck, Ger.
(13)	28 Sept 44	Magdeburg, Ger.
(14)	30 Sept 44	Munster, Ger.
(15)	7 Oct. 44	Politz, Ger.
(16)	14 Oct. 44	Cologne, Ger.
(17)	15 Oct. 44	Cologne, Ger.
(18)	17 Oct. 44	Cologne, Ger.
(19)	25 Oct. 44	Hamburg, Ger.
(20)	26 Oct. 44	Bielfeld, Ger.
(21)	28 Oct. 44	Munster, Ger.
(22)	2 Nov. 44	Merseburg, Ger.
(23)	8 Nov. 44	Merseburg, Ger.
(24)	16 Nov. 44	Eschweiler, Ger.
(25)	21 Nov. 44	Merseburg, Ger.
(26)	29 Nov. 44	Misburg, Ger.
(27)	30 Nov. 44	Bohlen, Ger.
(28)	5 Dec. 44	Berlin, Ger.
(29)	11 Dec. 44	Frankfurt, Ger.
(30)	12 Dec. 44	Merseburg, Ger.
(31)	15 Dec. 44	Kassel, Ger.
(32)	24 Dec. 44	Koblenz, Ger.
(33)	28 Dec. 44	Rheinbach, Ger.
(34)	29 Dec. 44	Bingen, Ger.
(35)	30 Dec. 44	Kaiserlautern, Ge

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612 Sqdn, 401 Bomb. G.
APO 557, c/o P.M. N.Y., N.Y.

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

31 Dec. '44

Dear Mom & Dad,

As you probably know by now from my cablegram, I have finished my missions. What a wonderful feeling!

I am now awaiting orders and expect to be here about a week longer. It will probably take me another two or three weeks to get back to the States. So you see, I may be home in two weeks, maybe four. All depends upon the transportation available.

This New Year's Eve will be a quiet one for me. I'm

perfectly content to sit back
and glory in the realization
that all the "blood, sweat &
tears" are behind me now
— for a while at least

Happy New Year!

Much love to all,
Dave

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N.Y., N.Y.

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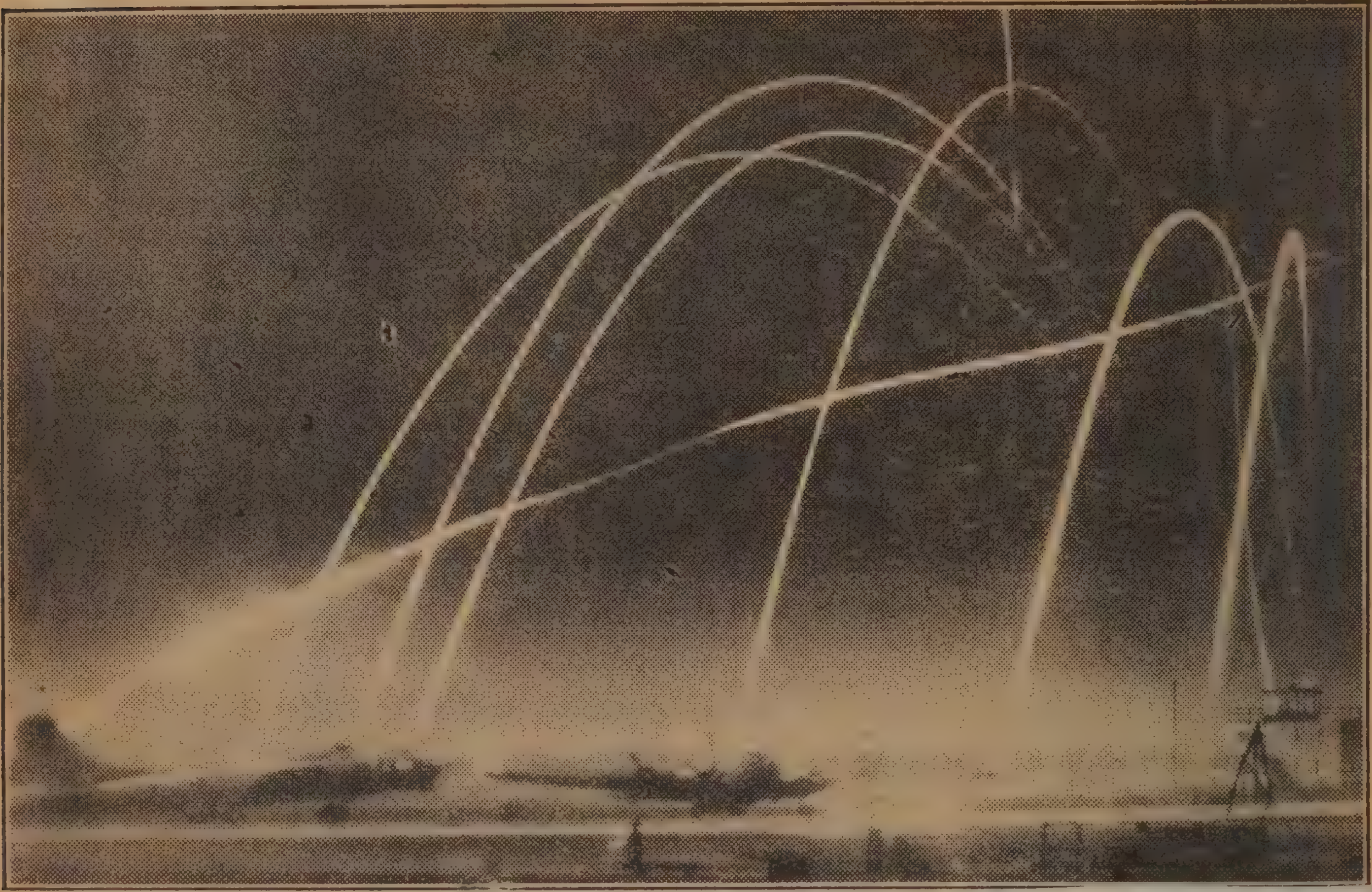
CLIPPINGS SENT BY DAVID DEC. 31, 1944

U.S. Fog Lights Bring RAF Down at 8th AF Base



Bomb Deluge On the Supply Lines Goes on

More than 800 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by upward of 700 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, yesterday carried the Eighth Air Force assault on rail facilities, bridges and other supply channels feeding Rundstedt's forces into its seventh straight day.

Some of the heavies, which have dropped 14,750 tons of bombs in the seven-day period, struck at Frankfurt and Bingen, to the southeast, and Aschaffenburg, to the southeast. The weather was favorable, and returning crews reported good results.

Most of the formations attacking small communications targets near the battle area released their bombs through solid cloud with the aid of instruments.

There was no enemy fighter opposition for the second straight day and the only days of the seven in which the Eighth has not encountered the Luftwaffe. Yesterday's losses were ten heavies and three pursuits.

Thursday's account of Eighth activity erroneously stated that it was the third instead of the sixth successive day in which the heavies had slashed at enemy supply and communication lines linking Germany with the attacking Nazis.

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FATHER TO SON, OVER!

By James Abell Wright

Sit quietly, sit quietly,
My son, your years are few;
And as you ride your scooter, oh,
There's peril riding too.

Go cautiously, go cautiously,
My boy. Grim Hazard likes
No finer fodder for his mill
Than reckless boys on bikes.

Drive carefully, drive carefully,
My lad. It seems I feel
Stark Death is rattling with you
At that darn jalopy's wheel.

Soar dauntlessly, swoop daringly,
Young man. We'll see it through;
We've done a bit of traveling, son—
My fears and you.

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1896—John E. Benton, retired December 31, 1944, as general solicitor of the National Association of Railroad and Utilities Commissioners after twenty-five years' service in that capacity. He will continue as advisory counsel and as a member of the executive committee of the association.

Sunday, December 31st 1944

Slept late this morning - it was 8 o'clock, when I looked at my watch. Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.45 - orange juice - corn flakes - Fish Balls - Bacon. Baked Beans - Chili Sauce. Toasted English Muffins - Iced coffee. Read the Sunday papers Up at 10.15 - at 11 came Hannah + Collins in their car. Then to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to see Mother - Also along were Eleanor + Josiah - I am glad to say that Mother is getting along finely + We stayed for nearly an hour - Then Back to Belmont - Dinner at 2 - Roast Beef - and so good - Roast Potato - Gravy - Creamed Onions + Rolls + Milk + Salad. Cut up fruit + Rested all afternoon + Late in the afternoon - the children got ready to go out to celebrate New Year's Eve + Nicholas was away first to go to Newton for a party - then went along John + Mary - also Curly + and 2 girl friends - After that I went downstairs - Frances prepared a snack supper and good - Scrambled eggs + Bacon - English Muffins +

Milk - We had it together up in my bedroom & All had urged me to go out with John & Mary to Weston - but I wanted to stay at home and to see the new year in with Frances & who is kept at home with a cold & John, Mary & Nicholas got home at 2 A.m.

8TH AIR FORCE 1944 BAG TOPS 7000 NAZI PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—More han 7000 German planes were detroyed in 1944 by the U. S. Eighth ir Force alone, that force reported day in its year-end review.

Eighth Air Force pilots shot down 395 aircraft and destroyed 1044 on he ground. Bomber gunners bagged 234.

The Eighth's losses for the year ere announced at 2632 bombers nd 1446 fighters.

The announcement said total lanes claimed destroyed did not inlude those which may have been wrecked by bombs on the many airfields which have been attacked.

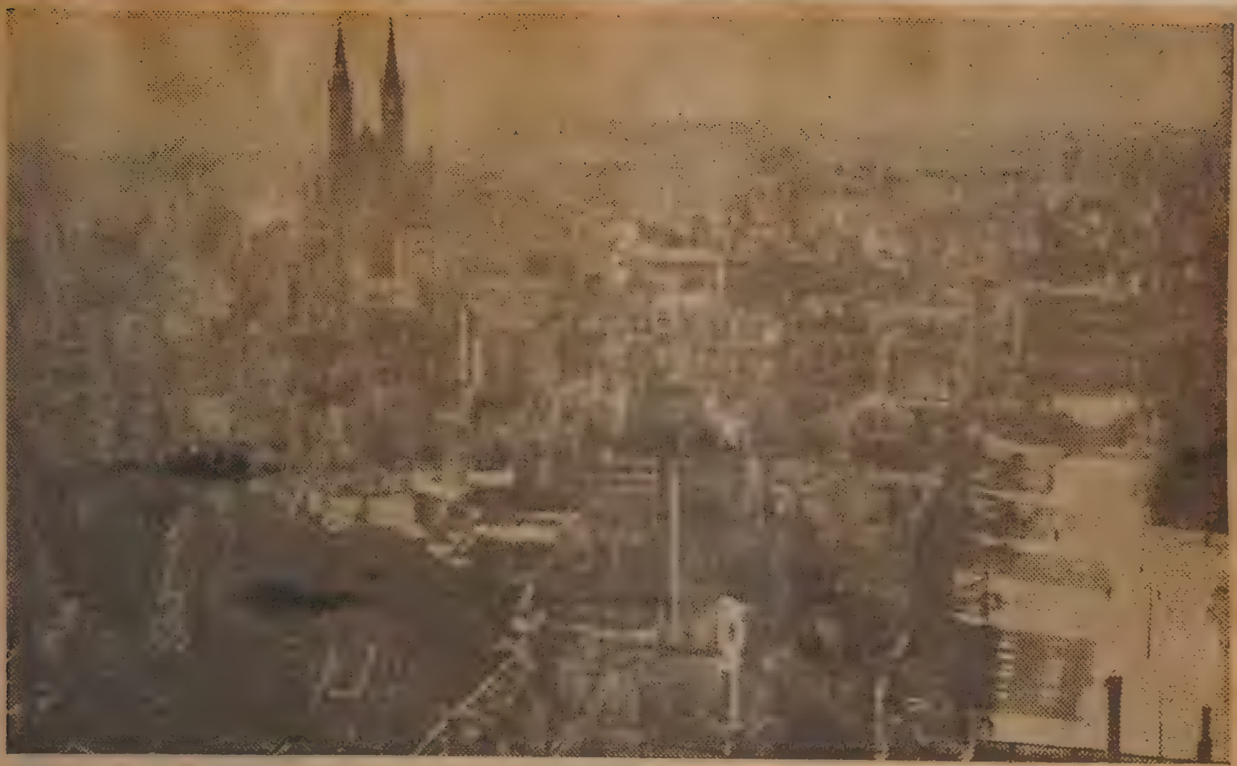
The Eighth Air Force flew 357,272 combat sorties, 196,314 by heavy bombers and 160,958 by fighters. Nearly 9,000,000 pounds of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dumped on enemy targets.

In addition to blows at the German air force, Eighth Air Force fighter pilots took this toll of the enemy's war potential:

Locomotives, 3300 disabled, 2295 damaged; railroad cars, 6675 destroyed, 21,143 damaged; motor vehicles, 4014 destroyed, 3037 damaged armored vehicles, 128 destroyed, 138 damaged; tanks, 41 destroyed, 107 damaged; gun positions and flak towers, 245 silenced, 473 damaged; ammunition and fuel dumps, 67 destroyed, 79 damaged.

Approximately 32 per cent. of the year's total tonnage of bombs was in direct support of the ground forces. Twenty-nine per cent. was aimed at German aircraft production and 13 per cent. at the oil industry.

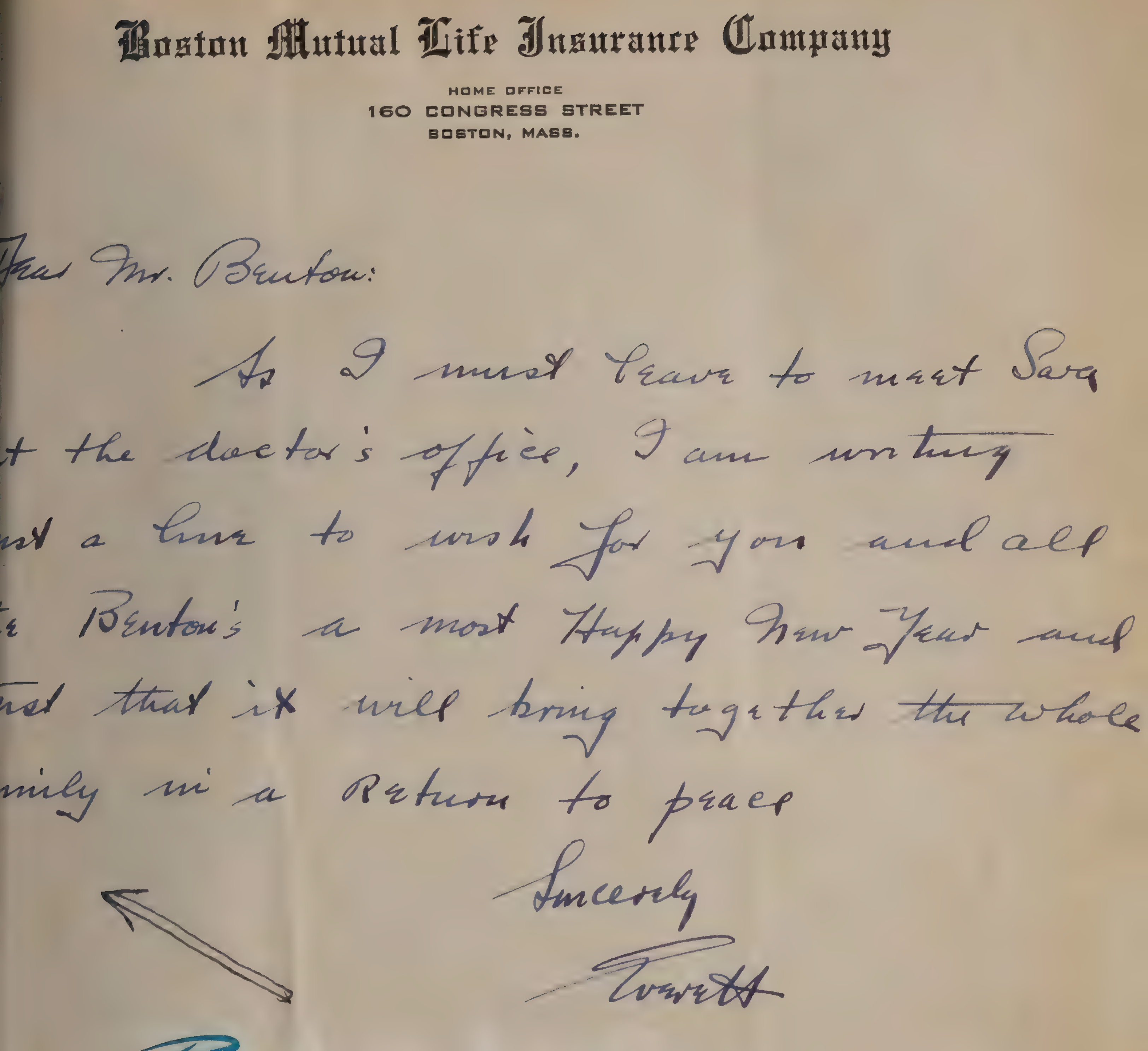
More than 5500 tons of supplies and weapons were delivered by bombers to French patriots, Poles besieged in Warsaw and Allied airborne troops in Holland. About 9800 tons of military civilian supplies were freighted by heavy bombers into France after D-day.



PRECISION BOMBING—This is Madgeburg, Germany. Surrounded by wrecked buildings, the Cathedral stands virtually intact—spared by bombers of the U. S. Army Eighth Air Force.

U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo

DAVID HERE!
SEPT. 28, 1944



Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

ear Mr. Benton:

As I must leave to meet Sara
t the doctor's office, I am writing
st a line to wish for you and all
e Benton's a most Happy New Year and
st that it will bring together the whole
mily in a Return to peace

Sincerely
Everett

RUNWAY IN ENGLAND –

"WHEN THIS WAR IS OVER, they are going to erect, on the far point of the longest runway here, where it points directly out to the North Sea, a memorial tower of some sort in stone. It will have on it the names of men, citizens from every part of America, who skimmed off this green plateau and set course along the river-valleys. . . . It will record the missions, the honors, the deaths of some of the elite among you, the American people.

"The wind will blow in wintertime straight from Spitzbergen down the eastern flatlands and the wild swans will set their course along the river as they have done for centuries. The small boys who now plague the life out of every GI with the aggravating question, 'Got any gum, chum?' will be grown into men, driving new cars up and down the hills where my grandfather and I drove in the buggy. . . . The American flag will no longer wave on the hill. But the memorial will be there."*

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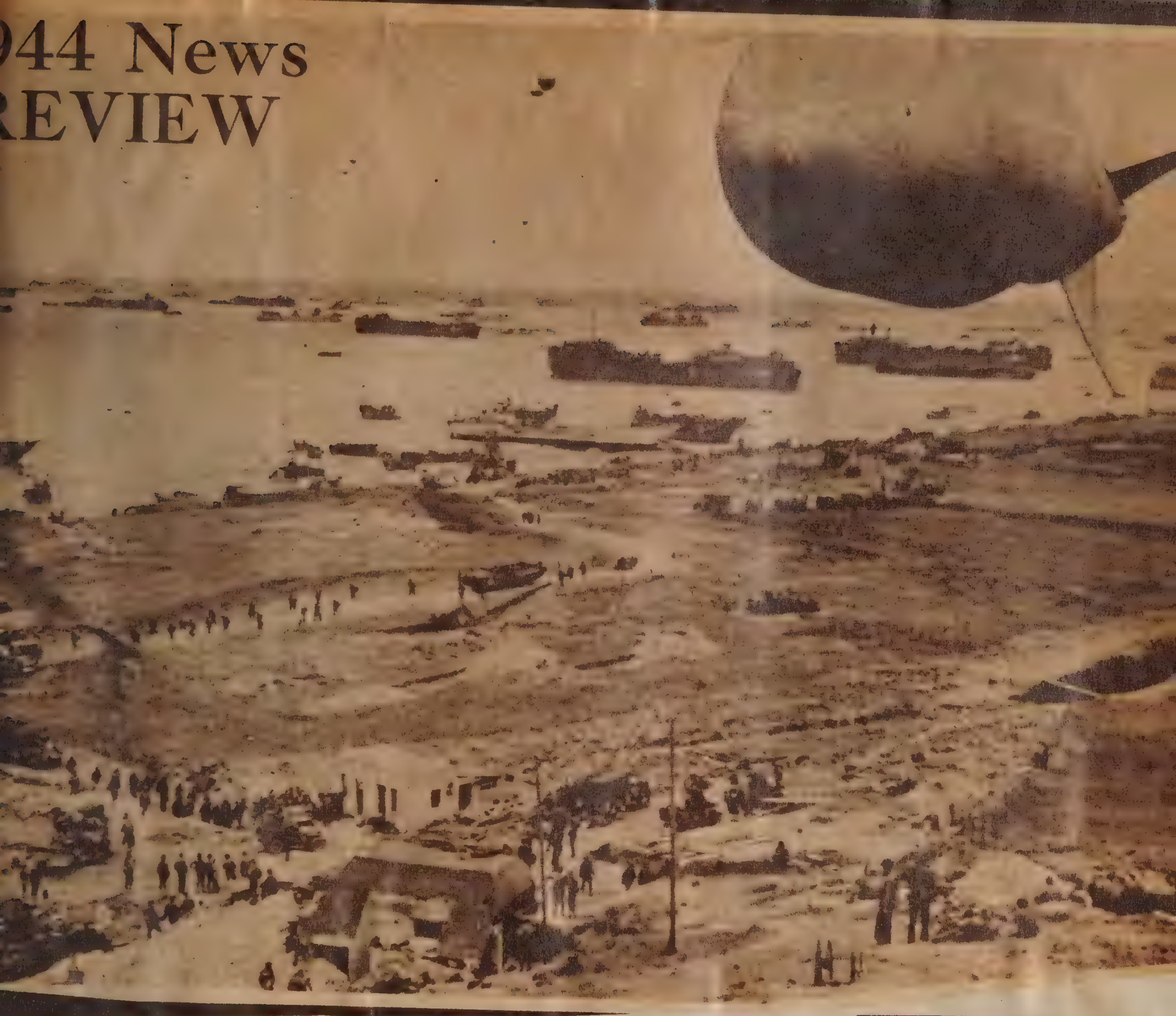


History moved on wings in 1944, on muddy tank treads, on the feet of fighting men around the globe, inexorably and at an ever-increasing pace, toward the victory of the United Nations over fascist Germany and Japan.

Above, supplies are brought to one of the Normandy beaches after the spectacular Allied invasion of Europe on D-Day, June 6.

VE RETURNED," Gen. MacArthur reports to the of the Philippine Islands, in adcast from Leyte Island. fulfilled a promise made left the Philippines early

BACK in France after four years of exile and leadership of the Free French, Gen. Charles de Gaulle here speaks to happy Frenchmen from the steps of the town hall in newly liberated Chartres, near Paris, in August, as France began its comeback as a major power.

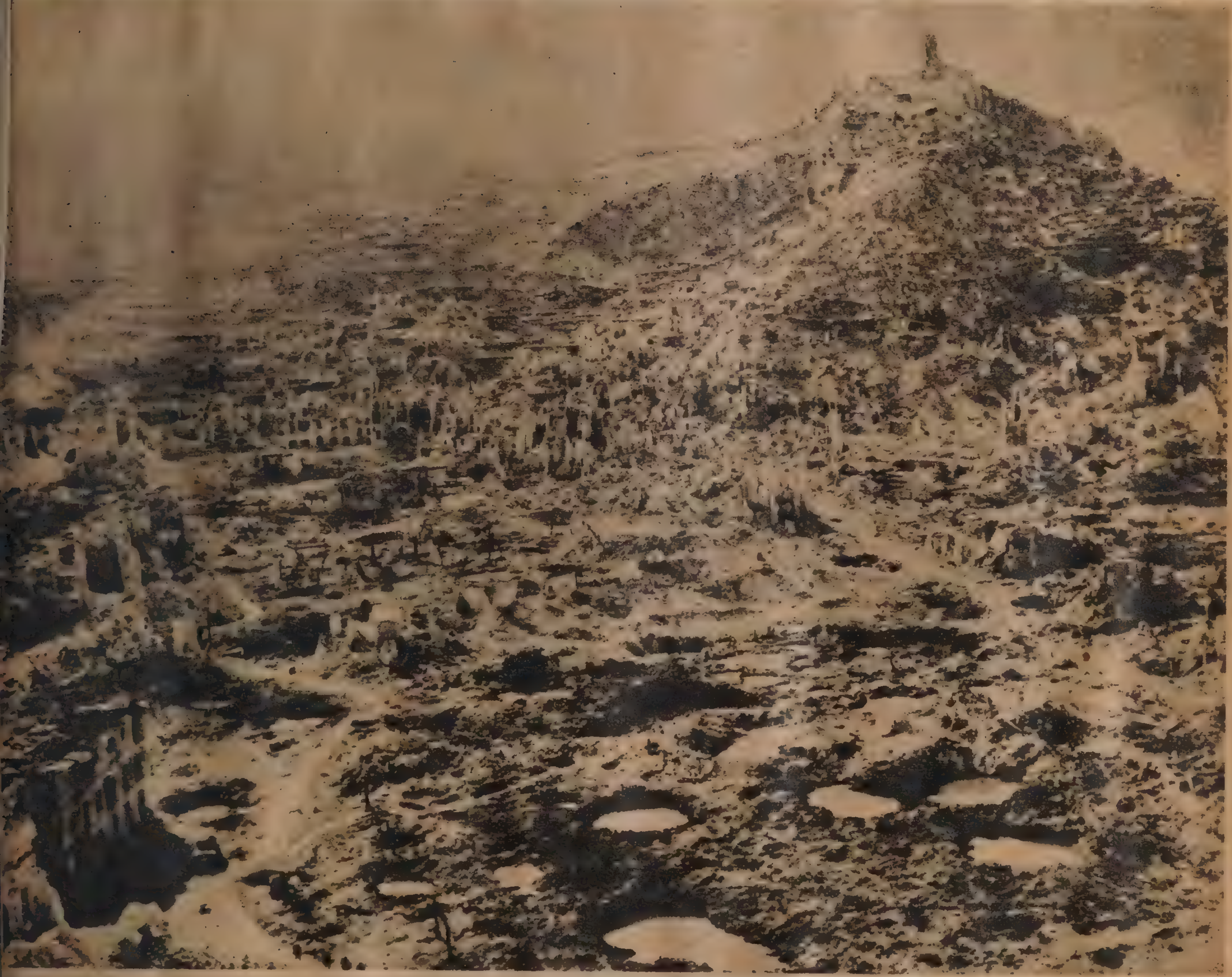
THE B-29, the long-range Superfortress which rained bombs on Japan and her Pacific holdings during the summer and fall of 1944. Large forces of the Superfortresses began a series of raids on Tokyo in November from bases on Saipan. The big planes are outstanding in American war production, which continued its response to the needs of the U. S. forces and our allies.

THE DUMBARTON OAKS conference, in session near Washington, D. C., laid plans for a post-war organization of peaceful nations. The Russian delegation is at the back, Americans at right, British in foreground and secretaries at left.

FOR 80 DAYS and nights in the early summer the British were subjected to a new horror—the V-1 "robot bomb," launched from across the English Channel.

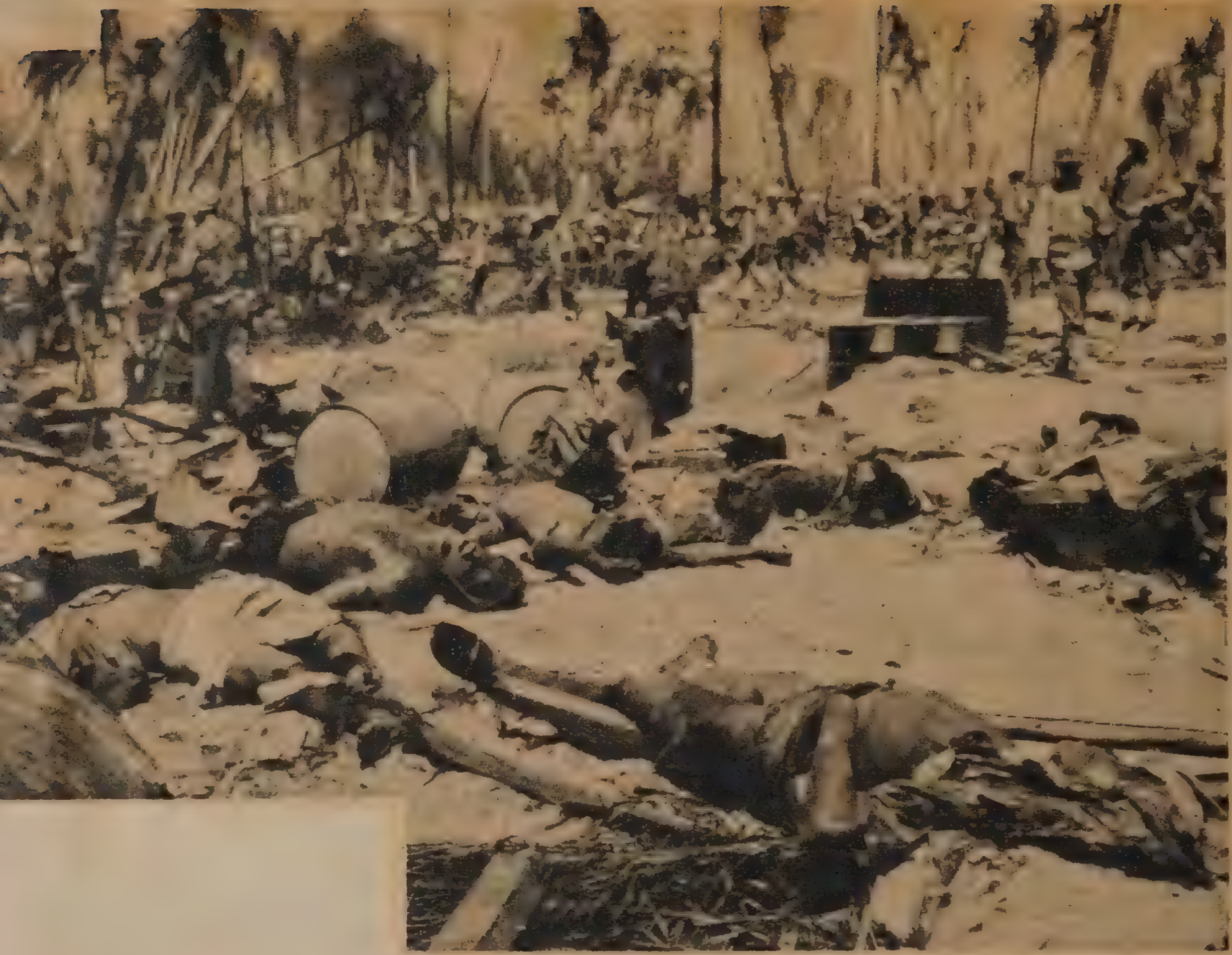
Outstanding Pictures of 1944

Our third year of war. As in the past, this last Coloroto Section of the year gives you a selection of the most dramatic fotos that have appeared in The News during the last 12 months.



Cassino, Italy. The Benedictine Abbey on the summit of the hill in the right background was used as a Nazi stronghold and the town was almost obliterated in the struggle to dislodge the enemy in May.

(By Associated Press)



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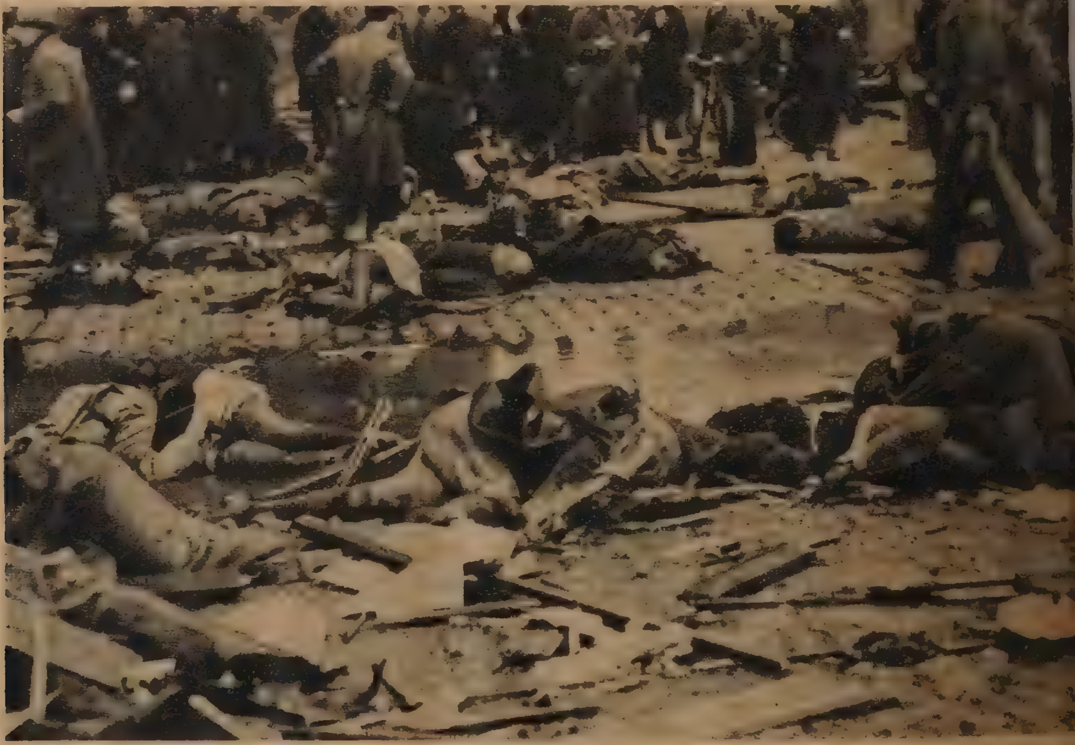

War on civilians. This foto was taken on Dec. 2 at a crossroad in a Be
city, a few minutes after a V-bomb explosion took its toll of dead and inj
victims of aimless destruction.

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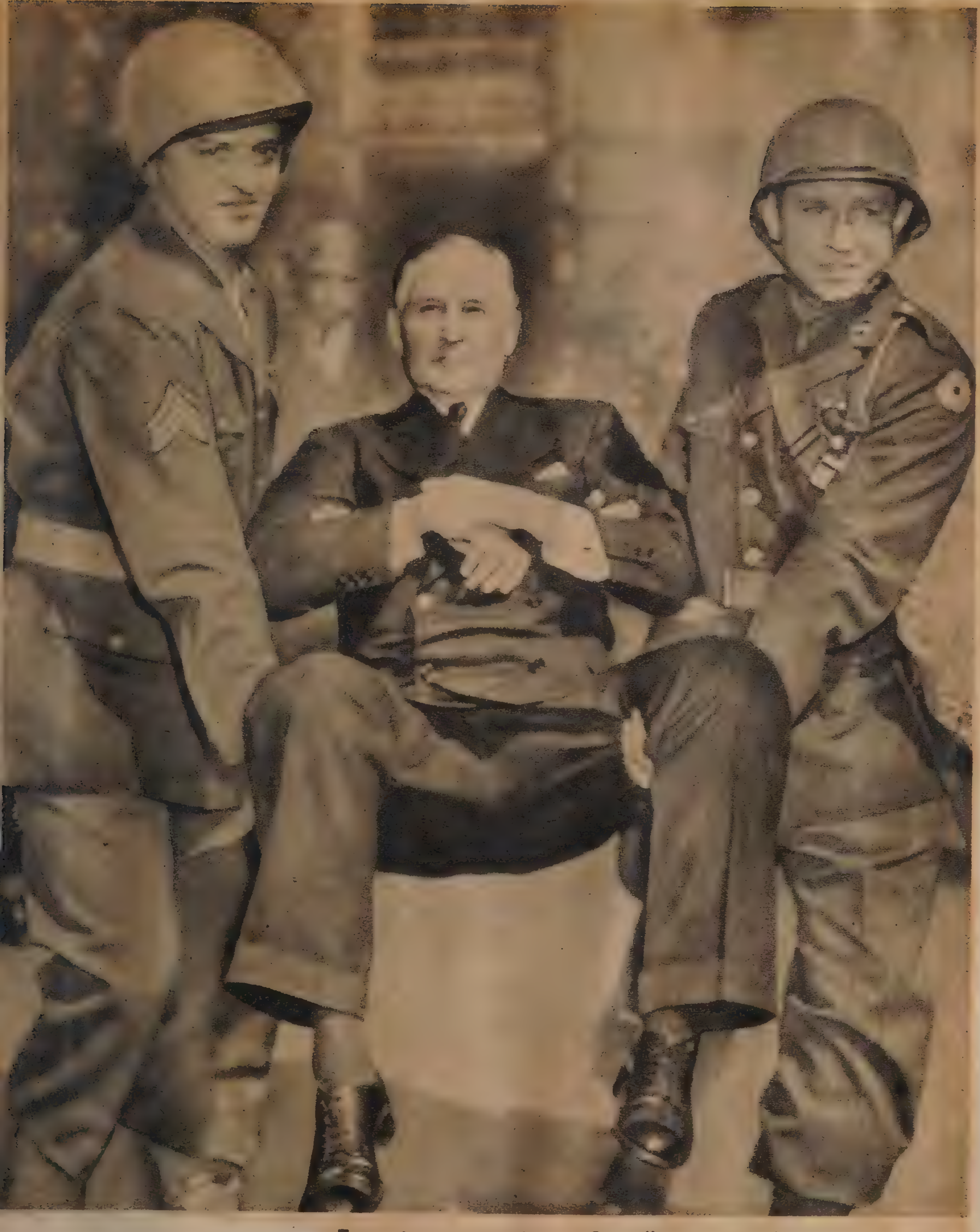
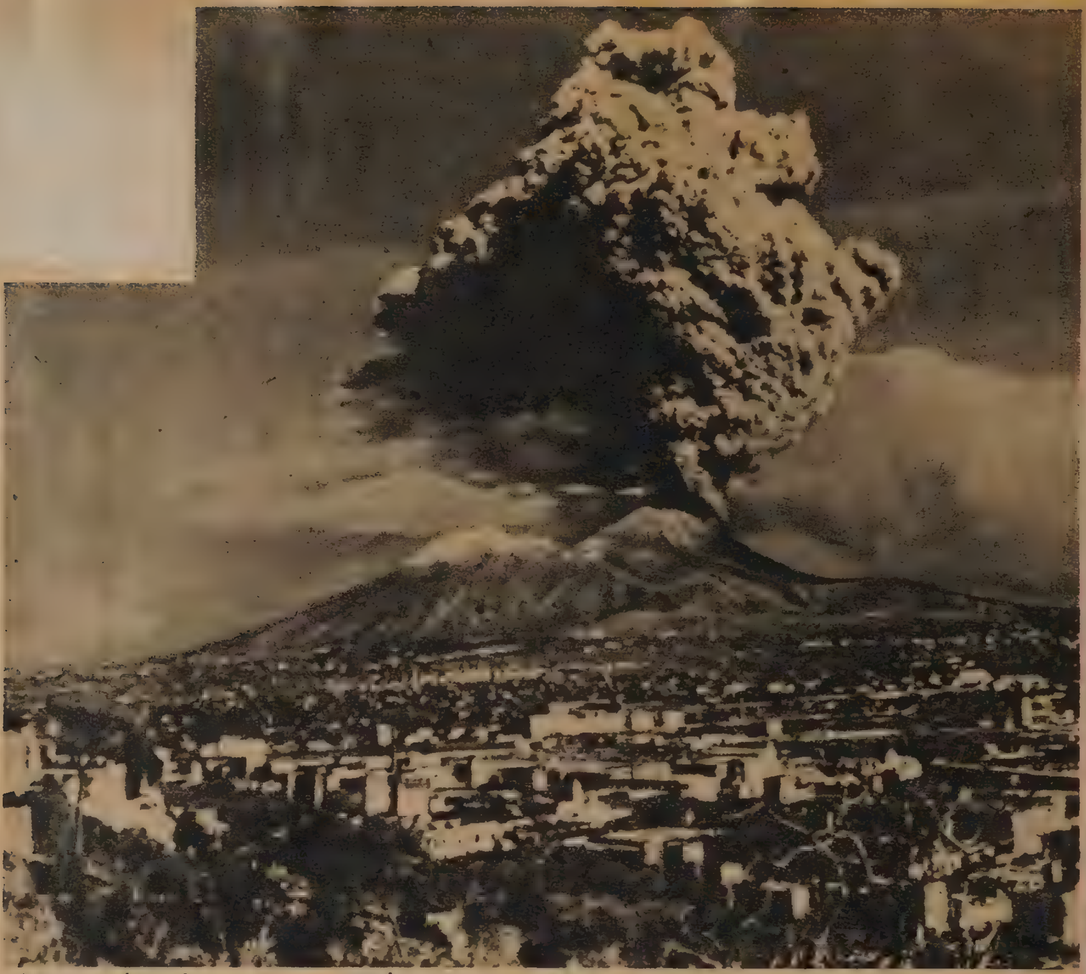
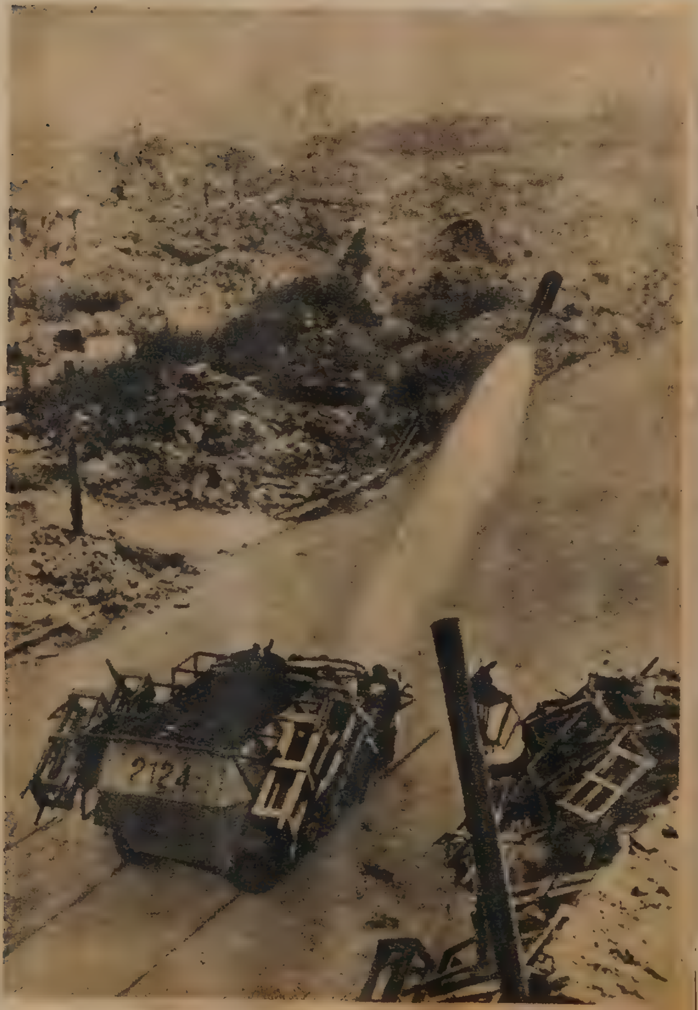


Free transportation. Sewell Avery, chairman of the board of directors of Montgomery Ward & Co., was removed from his office at government expense when he refused to cooperate with officials sent to take over the firm's headquarters in Chicago. (By Associated Press)



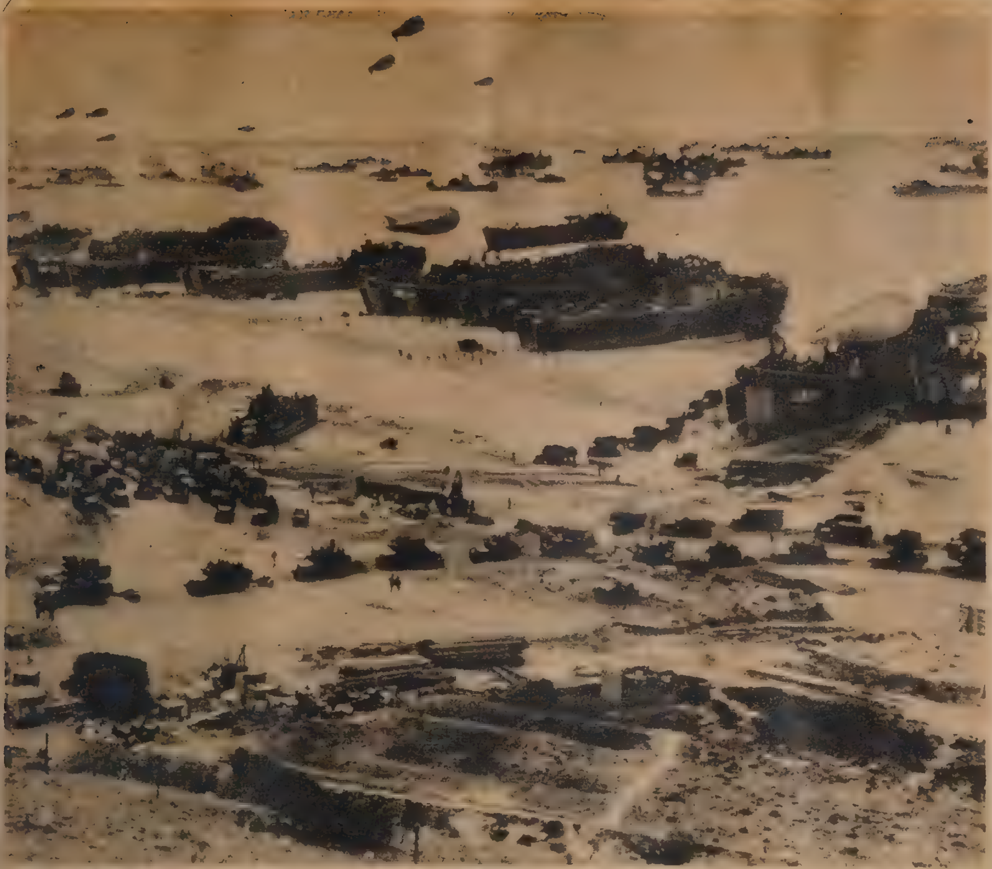
Natural indigestion. Either as a welcome or as a threat to invading Allied forces, Mount Vesuvius staged one of its most spectacular eruptions in 72 years. The foto shows the smoke belching skyward from the crater of Italy's famous volcano early in April.

(Official U. S. Navy foto from Acme)



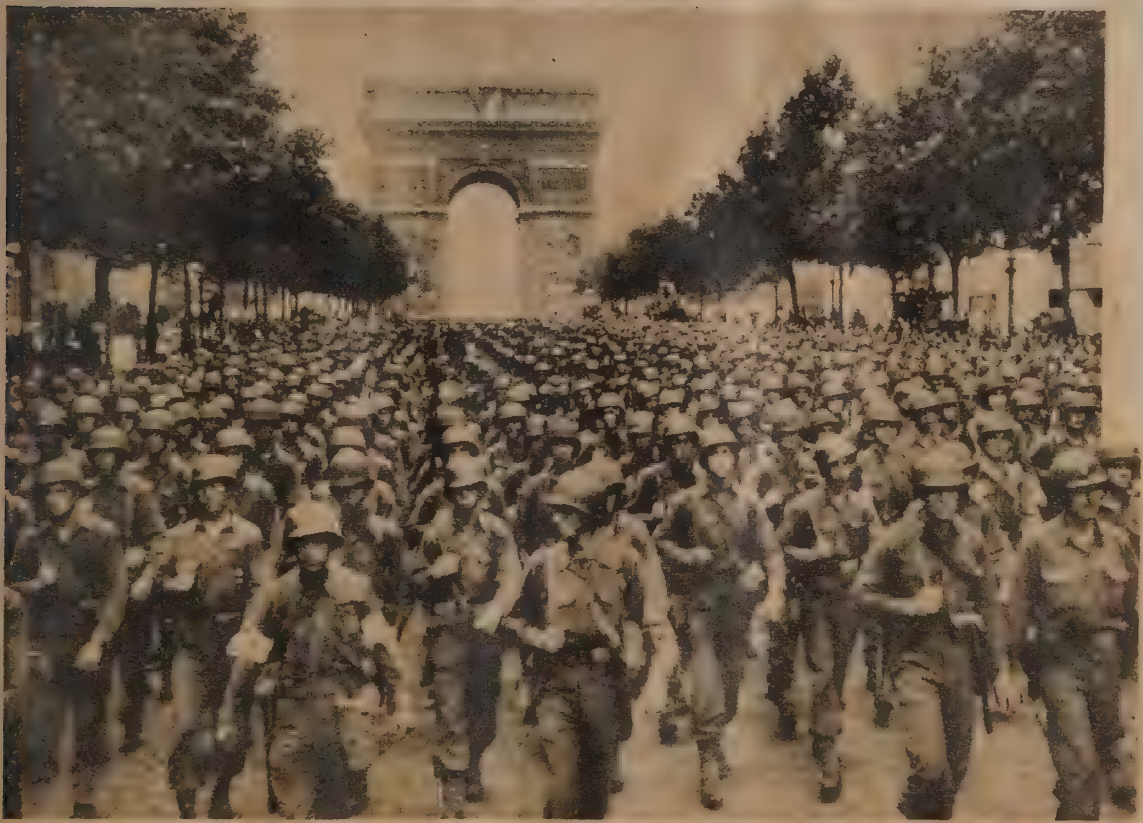
This was a city. Warsaw, the capital of Poland, had more than 1,265,000 inhabitants before the Nazi invasion in 1939. This part of the city, devastated in the struggle between the inhabitants and their German overlords, was still under bombardment from rockets launched from tubes on an armored car in December, 1944.

(By Acme)



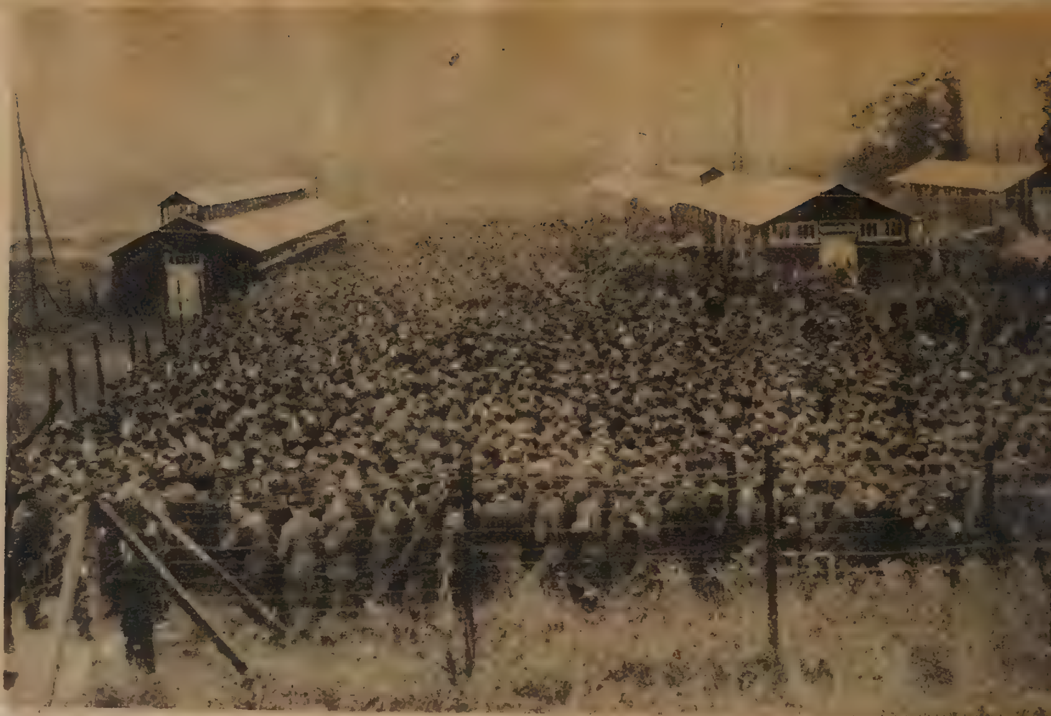
Supplies for victory. A few days after D Day this beach in Normandy was a busy scene of cooperation on land, on the sea and in the air, to get needed equipment and food to our invading armies who were fighting their way into France.

(Official Coast Guard foto)

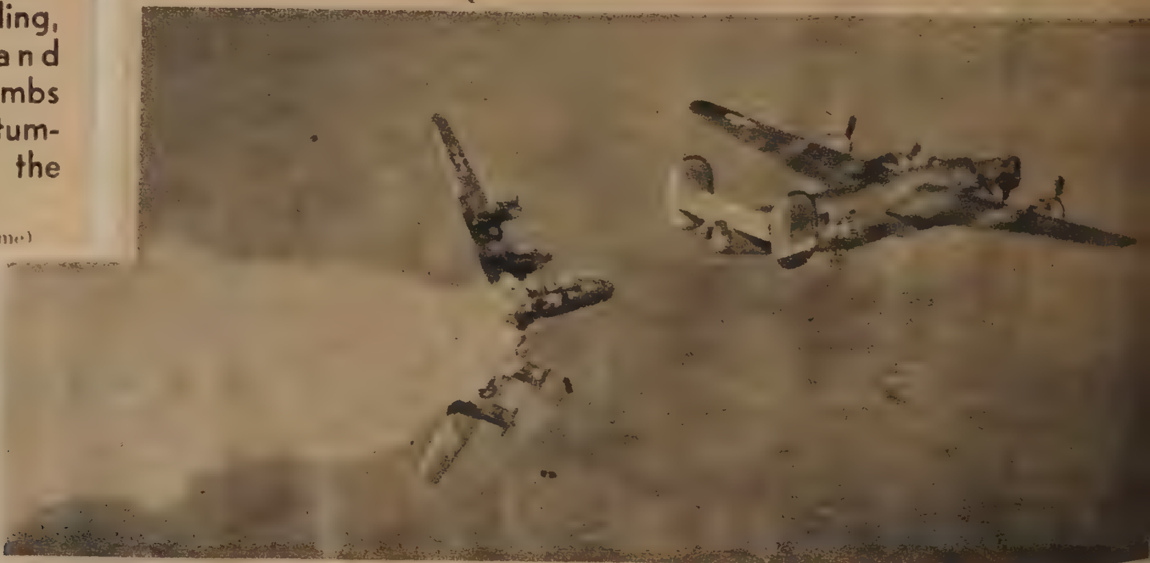


Triumphal march. A few days after the first American troops entered Paris on Aug. 25, these soldiers marched down the Champs Elysees. The Arc de Triomphe, begun by Napoleon but not completed until he was in exile, is in the background.

(By Associated Press)

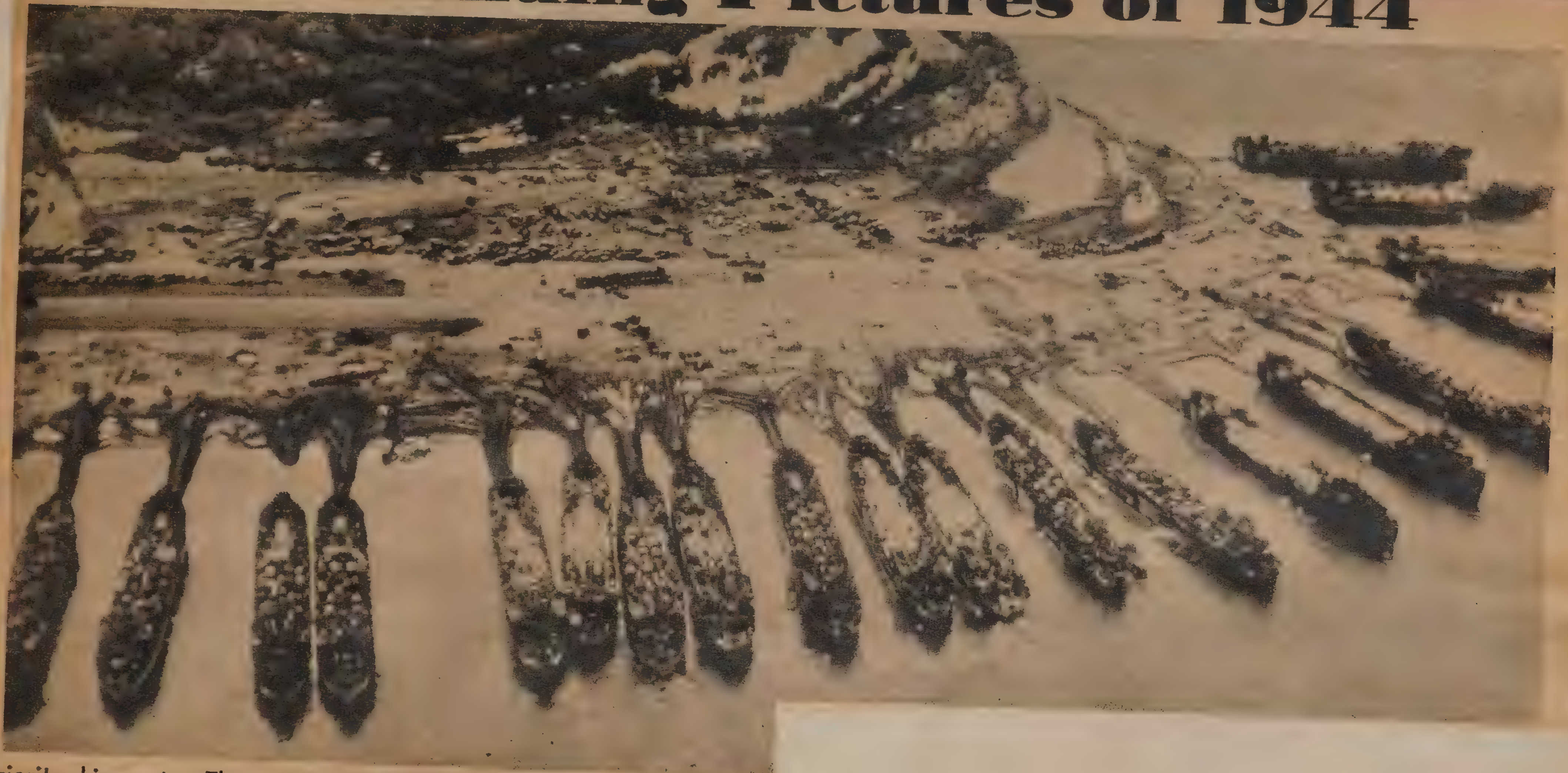


End of a Nazi army. German prisoners, numbering 10,000, crowd within the wire walls of a prison compound somewhere in France, awaiting their turns to get on the chow line. (Signal Corps foto from AP)



Bomber's last flight. A Liberator of the 15th Air Force caught in a heavy flak belt over Blechhammer, Germany, is falling, overturned and in flames. Bombs can be seen tumbling from the bays. (AAF foto from Acme)

Outstanding Pictures of 1944



riority shipments. These LST's, delivering their cargoes of supplies for
Gen. MacArthur's troops on Leyte in the Philippines, give an effective
icture of the activity involved in meeting the needs of our armed
orces at one of the many fronts overseas.

(By Associated Press)

Dangerous enemy. The hurricane that hit the Atlantic Coast in mid-September was at its worst near the islands of the Caribbean. These Coast Guardsmen fought a 90-mile wind near Cuba to save their lives and their tanker's precious load.

(Official Coast Guard foto)

TY MEMORABLE DATES IN THE HISTORY OF 1944

THE WAR IN EUROPE

–Red Army crosses the pre-1939
border for the first time in the
of a great winter offensive.

—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower ar-
in England to assume command of
preparing for invasion.

—Twenty-nine-month-long siege of
grad is lifted by the Red Army.

—The bombing offensive against
an aircraft factories starts. A rec-
total of 17,000 tons of bombs is
ed in one week.

—Start of the Soviet Ukraine of-
e.

–Rome is liberated by the Ameri-
ifth Army, and the Nazis start their
northward to the Apennines.

–D-day—250,000 men, 4,000 ships,
planes strike at Normandy coast
Allies breach the "Atlantic Wall."

—The first robot bombs fall on
ern England, beginning the "ven-
e" campaign.

—Soviet summer offensive in White
begins.

—Hitler announces an attempt to
inate him by "several generals."

—The Americans break through at
ches, through which poured the
and First Armies, starting the Ger-
ollapse in France.

—Southern France is invaded from
and North Africa.

—First Russian troops cross onto
n soil.

—Rumania signs an armistice with
; leaves the war.

—Paris is liberated.

–The Finns sign an armistice with
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—Bulgaria overthrows the Iron
, signs an armistice with the Allies,

Sept. 12—The invasion of Germany begins.

Sept. 17—Allied paratroopers land behind German armies at Arnhem in attempt to cut them off.

Nov. 16—Allied winter offensive against Germany begins.

Dec. 16—Germans launch counter-offensive through Ardennes.

Dec. 28—German attack is stopped; the Allies counter-attack.

THE PACIFIC WAR

Jan. 16—Japanese open Manipur campaign in Burma.

Feb. 1—The Marshalls are invaded; Kwajalein becomes the first Japanese territory captured by the Allies.

June 14—American forces invade Saipan.

June 15—China-based Superforts make their first raid on the Japanese homeland—strike at Yawata, a steel center.

Aug. 15—The Manipur campaign ends; the Japanese are driven from India.

Oct. 20—The invasion of Leyte marks the American return to the Philippines.

Oct. 23—The American Navy delivers a crippling blow to the Japanese fleet off the Philippines.

Nov. 24—B-29's raid Tokyo for the first time, signaling the start of strategic bombing of Japanese homeland from Saipan.

Dec. 16—American invasion of Mindoro in the Philippines cuts the islands in two.

THE DIPLOMATIC FRONT

May 30—President Roosevelt announces tentative plans for post-war organization are ready and Secretary of State Cordell Hull issues invitations to Britain, U.S.S.R. and China to discuss peace organization.

July 1—International monetary and trade conference convenes at Bretton Woods, N. H., to work toward stabilizing international currency, setting up a world bank.

July 30—Moscow announces the formation of a Polish Committee of Liberation.

Aug. 21—Dumbarton Oaks Conference begins job of formulating organization to preserve peace.

Sept. 11—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill meet at Quebec.

Oct. 9—Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin meet in Moscow.

Oct. 23—De Gaulle Government is recognized as the provisional Government of France.

Dec. 3—Civil war flares in Greece as Eam and Elas refuse to bow to British ultimatum to give up their weapons.

Dec. 24—Terms of French-Soviet pact are made public.

THE HOME FRONT

April 4—Wendell L. Willkie withdraws as Republican candidate for the Presidential nomination.

June 30—Republicans nominate Thomas E. Dewey for President, John W. Bricker for Vice President.

July 20—Democrats nominate Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman for President and Vice President.

Oct. 4—Alfred E. Smith dies.

Oct. 8—Wendell Willkie dies.

Oct. 12—WLB refuses to revise Little Steel formula, which limits wage increase to 15 per cent of Jan. 1, 1941, levels.

Nov. 7—Franklin D. Roosevelt elected to a fourth term by an electoral total of 432—99 as 48,000,000 vote.

Dec. 3—Edward R. Stettinius Jr. succeeds Cordell Hull as Secretary of State.

Dec. 23—Government bans horse racing; tightens food rationing.

Dec. 29—Navy announces fleet now totals 61,045 vessels; 1,167 warships.

PHILIPPINES
SOUTHERN FRANCE

The YEAR In REVIEW

Chronology of 1944

THE WAR

anuary

—Russians move to within 27 miles of Polish border.
—U. S. marines expand hold on Cape Gloucester, New Britain.
—American troops capture San Guista, Italy.
—Two new Russian offensives are opened.
—British blast Magdeburg in 1,000-plane raid.
—LENINGRAD CLEARED OF NAZIS.
—Hitler in speech anticipates defeat.

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—Chinese advance in northern Burma.
—Marines capture Namur and other islands in the Marshalls.
—U. S. army takes Kwajalein atoll in Marshalls.
—Heaviest bomb load yet dropped hurled on Berlin by British bombers.
—U. S. naval task force attacks Truk, main Jap base in south Pacific.
—Japanese cabinet reorganized, following attack on Truk.
—U. S. naval task force strikes at Marianas islands.
—All of western New Britain passes to American control.
—Stalin offers peace terms to Finland.

March

8—Record raid on Berlin made by 2,000 planes.
15—Russian army crosses Bug river.
19—Advancing Russians enter Bessarabia.
26—Russians reach Romanian border.
30—Palau islands, 1,600 miles south of Japan, attacked by U. S. navy.

April

2—Russian troops enter Romania.
American planes bomb Austria.
10—ODESSA FALLS TO RUSSIANS.
13—Allied troops halt Jap drive near Kohima, in India.
29—A thousand U. S. bombers raid Berlin.
30—Japan's mid-Pacific base, Truk, is raided for 35th time.

May

7—Allied forces in Italy turn back German counterattack near Anzio.
9—Sevastopol, Black sea naval base, falls to Russians.
15—Chinese launch counter-offensive in western Yunnan province.
18—CASSINO, NAZI STRONGPOINT IN ITALY, FALLS TO AMERICANS AFTER LONG SIEGE.
28—Allied bombers strike at German synthetic oil plants in Leipsig area.

June

4—AMERICAN TROOPS ENTER ROME.
6—INVASION OF CONTINENT BEGINS WITH LANDINGS IN NORMANDY.
8—Allies in Italy capture port 38 miles north of Rome.
13—Allies advance into northern France, reaching point 15 miles inland.
17—Chinese take Kamaing, Burma.
23—Week-long German robot bombing reported by British.
25—American tank units enter Cherbourg, important French port.
26—Russians capture Vitebsk and Zhlobin.

July

3—Minsk falls to Russians as they sweep into Polish territory.
6—Robot bomb casualties and damage in southern England are admitted to be serious.
9—British and Canadians enter Caen, France, anchor of German lines for weeks.
27—Six Nazi bases, the most important being Lwow, fall to Russians on various fronts.
28—Brest-Litovsk captured by Russians.
30—Allied "break-through" registers large gains in France.

August

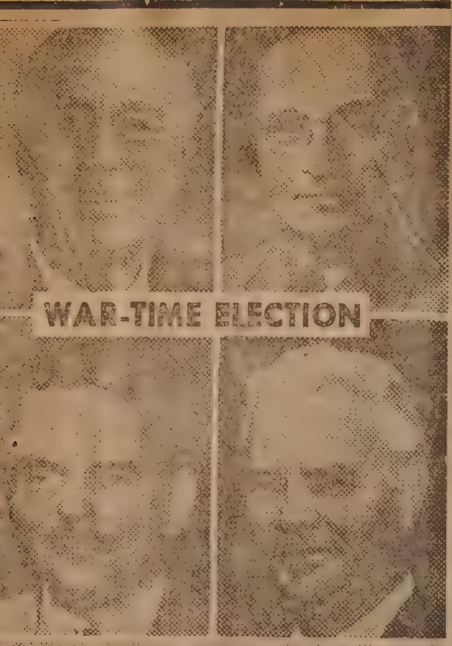
1—Resistance in Tinian island in Marshalls ends.
2—Turkey breaks diplomatic relations with Germany.
10—Guam conquered, giving U. S. control of all important islands of Marshalls.
15—A second Allied invasion force lands on southern French coast between Marseille and Nice.
19—U. S. tank units reach suburbs of Paris.
20—Southern France invasion force enters Toulon.
31—Romanian capital, Bucharest, is entered by Russians.

September

4—Finns and Russians cease fighting in truce.
5—Russia declares war on Bulgaria.
7—Britain lifts black-out regulations, considering menace from air conquered.
11—American First army pushes five miles into German territory.
12—Romania granted armistice by Allies.
13—Russians reach border of Czechoslovakia.
14—U. S. Third fleet attacks Cebu and Negros islands of the Philippines.
16—Second Quebec conference ends. Plans for quick finish of European war and of marshaling of forces for Japanese front are made.
19—Finnish armistice signed by Russia and Finland.
22—Russians take Tallinn, capital of Estonia.
30—Russians gain 60-mile-wide bridgehead in Yugoslavia.

October

1—Calais, French channel port, falls to Allies.
3—Siegfried line breached at Uebach by U. S. Fifth army.
4—U. S. bombers raid Borneo oil fields.
6—Russians cross Hungarian border.
11—East Prussian border reached by Russians.
17—U. S. troops enter Aachen, important German border city.



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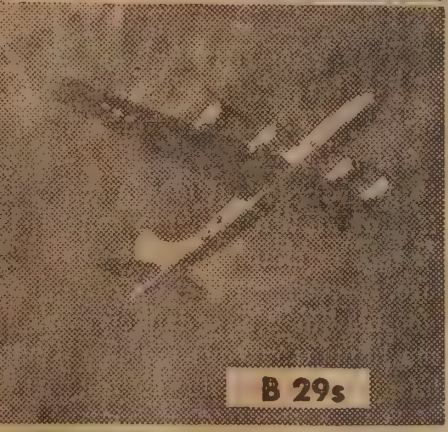
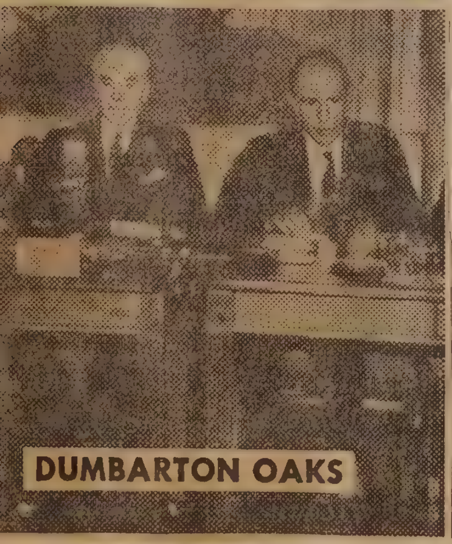




20—AMERICAN FORCES UNDER GEN. MacARTHUR INVADE PHILIPPINES, LANDING ON LEYTE ISLAND.
Moscow conference between Stalin and Churchill ends.

26—U. S. navy meets and defeats huge Jap fleet between Philippines and Formosa.

November

4—All German forces driven from Greece.

7—Japs gain in China, advancing on rail city of Liuchow. Meanwhile, British troops drive back Japs in Burma.

11—U. S. planes sink eight Jap warships.

14—British bombers sink Tirpitz, famous German battleship, in Norwegian port.

16—Great Allied drive launched on 300-mile front from Holland to Vosges.

20—French troops reach Rhine river in plunge through Belfort gap.

21—Lieut. Gen. Patton leads Third army in drive 23 miles beyond Metz.

24—B-29s bomb Tokyo factories from base in Marianas, 1,550 miles away.

27—Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark is made commander in chief of U. S. army forces in Italy.

29—U. S. Third army attacks forts at Saarbrucken, Saarlautern, and Merzig.
First and Ninth armies capture border towns.

30—U. S. planes sink 10 Jap transports and three destroyers, drowning 4,000 near Leyte.

December

1—U. S. Third army reaches Saar river.

2—Nazis withdraw troops from Norway, leaving only small garrison forces.

3—American armies advance in both Roer and Saar valleys.

4—U. S. Third army enters Saarlautern, as entire Allied front of 450 miles swings into motion.
Military and political crisis grips China.
Rioting breaks out in Athens, Greece. Civil war threatens.

6—B-29s raid Jap bases on Bonin islands. Others hit Tokyo again.

8—Units of 77th division make new landing on Leyte, splitting Jap lines.

11—MacArthur's troops capture Ormoc, enemy supply port on Leyte.
France and Russia sign mutual assistance pact.

13—Greek factional fighting grows in intensity.
B-29s hit Nagoya, Japanese aircraft production center.

14—U. S. tank and infantry units reach outskirts of Duren, key to Cologne region.

15—U. S. Seventh army advances to German border on 35 mile front.

DOMESTIC

January

3—Twenty-eight men and two women are indicted on sedition charges.

10—Congress reconvenes.

11—Roosevelt asks for National Service act.

13—A budget of $99,769,000,000 is President's estimate of 1944 needs.

20—Army allows induction of loyal Japanese-Americans.

26—Muster-out-pay bill passed, providing for a maximum of $300.

29—World's most powerful battleship, the 45,000-ton Missouri, is launched.

February

7—Tax bill sent to White House. It provides for $2,315,200,000 of additional revenue.

16—War Relocation authority (WRA) transferred to department of interior.

17—Army announces more than 200,000 men have been returned from the Pacific fronts on furloughs, besides the sick and wounded, and that the rotation furlough plan is in full swing.

18—Selective service orders farm workers reclassified.

22—Tax bill is vetoed as "wholly inadequate."

24—Congress overrides veto on tax bill. Sen. Alben Barkley, Democratic majority leader who resigned in flareup on veto, is re-named.

March

6—Five veterans' organizations combine in asking for a bonus up to $5,000 for all members of the armed forces.

14—Draft deferments for men 18 to 26 in essential industry ended except for "key men."

15—"Soldier vote" bill providing for short federal ballots is passed and sent to President.

21—State department announces that it will have no dealings with the Vichy French government.

25—Three men and two women are convicted as spies, and sentenced to long terms.

April

1—Army reports that 1,058,000 enlisted men have been discharged between December 1, 1941, and January 31, 1944.

4—House committee reveals that the federal government now owns one-fifth of the land area of continental United States.

5—Wendell Willkie withdraws as a Republican presidential candidate after defeat in Wisconsin.

12—Attorney General Biddle reopens investigation of Political Action committee of CIO.

17—A new chemical treatment that will give wood any degree of hardness desired, is announced.

26—Federal troops take possession of the Chicago plant of Montgomery Ward Co. by order of FDR when the company refused to obey his order to recognize a CIO union.

29—Gen. Douglas MacArthur announces that he will not accept nomination for President.

May

1—Pulitzer prize for novels awarded to Martin Flavin for "Journey in the Dark." Musical comedy "Oklahoma" won a special award for authors.

3—Most meats are removed from rationing. Steaks and beef roasts are principal exceptions.

11—New draft regulations defer most men over 26. Those under 26 are scheduled for early induction. Men 26-29 in war-supporting industries gain at least six months deferment, and those 30 and over an indefinite stay.

15—Senate voted to delay action on poll tax bill.
British delegation arrives for talks on postwar security.

20—Communist party votes to disband as a political party, but to continue as an "association."

22—Supreme court decision upholds validity of OPA suspension orders.

31—Synthetic sugar is produced at the University of California. Process is too expensive to be practical at present.
Governors' conference adopts resolution calling for restoration of state powers yielded to federal government when war emergency ends.

June

1—Secretary of State Hull pledges that in the postwar world organization, small nations will be kept on an equality with large in every practicable way.

2—War Manpower commission announces that it will take over "absolute control of all male workers over 17 to check turnover in essential industries."

8—Twenty-one brigadier generals promoted to major generals and 63 colonels to brigadiers.
"G. I. Bill of Rights" clears congress.

13—Democrats lose majority in the house with the election of Rolla McMillen, 19th Illinois.

21—Senate passes army appropriation bill of $49,107,735,795.

28—Republican convention nominates Thomas E. Dewey, governor of New York, for President, and John W. Bricker, governor of Ohio, as vice president.

29—A serum to prevent measles has been developed and will be made available soon, the Red Cross reveals.

July

3—Treasury reveals that war costs for fiscal year total 90 billion dollars.

7—The Grumman F-7-F, new two-motored naval fighting plane, is tested, and is called superior to the Hellcat.

8—Roosevelt's conversations with Gen. Charles DeGaulle of France end. DeGaulle reported to be "highly gratified."

9—Vice President Wallace returns from China. He predicts an era of peace in the Pacific, with Russia and China as leaders.

11—President Roosevelt says that he will run again "if nominated."

13—Eric Johnston, president of U. S. Chamber of Commerce, returns from Russia.
Duke and duchess of Windsor arrive in New York from the Bahamas.

14—Army reveals that there are now 196,941 war prisoners in the U. S., 146,101 being German, and 50,278 Italian.

20—Democratic convention in Chicago nominates Roosevelt for fourth term.

21—Sen. Harry Truman (Mo.) is nominated for Democratic vice presidential candidacy.

30—Army says that malaria has been reduced to two-thirds of early war rate

August

2—Strike of Philadelphia transit workers is referred to President.

4—Governors' conference ends, after issuing statement defining limits of state and federal powers.

6—Philadelphia street cars and busses operate under army control.
Newly developed calculating machine that will solve problems in higher mathematics is announced by Harvard university.

12—President returns from visit to Hawaii and Alaska.

14—Strike of midwestern truck drivers ends, following government seizure of lines.

16—Army ends censorship of soldiers' reading matter.

23—U. S. department of justice files anti-trust suit in Lincoln, Neb., against 47 western railroads.

25—Secretary of State Hull and John F. Dulles, representing Dewey, discuss foreign policy.
Senate passes reconversion bill to take care of government surplus sales.

29—Republican campaign opens with radio speeches by Governors Warren of California, Green of Illinois, and Baldwin of Connecticut.

30—Navy reports the construction of 65,000 ships of all types since September 1, 1939.

September

6—Army announces demobilization plans. More than a million men will be discharged when Germany is defeated.
Seventeen processed foods are removed from ration list.

11—Roosevelt meets Churchill in Quebec for military discussions.

15—Nineteen coal mines are seized on the President's orders.

21—Congress recesses until November 14.

28—Ration controls removed from all farm machinery except corn pickers.

30—Birth rate for 1943 increased, census bureau says.

October

5—Strike of Detroit maintenance workers, affecting 33 war plants and 50,000 workers, ends.

6—Super-powered X-ray announced that will photograph through a foot of steel.

7—Peace conference at Dumbarton Oaks, N. H., ends sessions. A general framework for peace and security agreed upon, it is announced.

18—War Production board announces that it has permitted 1,110 manufacturers to resume civilian production.

23—De Gaulle recognized as head of French Provisional government by the U. S. and other United Nations.

25—U. S. and other United Nations resume diplomatic relations with Italy.

November

6—Dept. of Agriculture announces a decline in farm population in last four years amounting to 4,748,000.

7—Nationwide elections held. President Roosevelt reelected by majority of 3,000,000 votes, or 53 per cent of popular vote, winning 36 states and 432 electoral votes. Twenty Democrats and 13 Republicans gain senate seats. Democrats elect 242 representatives, and Republicans 185. Eighteen Republican and 13 Democratic governors elected.

14—Congress meets. Supplementary appropriations main business.

18—Special committee on wartime living costs reports to President that rise is 29 per cent over January 1, 1941, level.

20—Sixth War loan drive opens.

27—Strike on two electric railroads serving Chicago area ends after 17 days.
Edward Stettinius appointed secretary of state to succeed Cordell Hull.

30—Assistant attorney-general Norman Littell dismissed by President.

December

1—Strikes in Detroit and Chicago delay production of B-29 bombers.

2—Government halts reconversion plans in 125 cities until munition production meets schedule.
Rear-Adm. Husband Kimmel and Maj. Gen. Walter Short, Pearl Harbor commanders, will not be court-martialed, war and navy boards rule.

4—Draft of agreement of International Civil Aviation conference is completed, and ready for signatures of delegates.

7—Sedition trial of 26 defendants ends in mistrial.
Prison revolt of 25 Atlanta convicts ended.

10—"Work or fight" order issued by War Mobilization Director Byrnes, threatening men in age 26-37 bracket with induction who are not in war jobs.

11—Nobel prizes awarded to five Americans.

13—War prisoners at Fort Sheridan, Ill., go on sit-down strike; 1,300 put on bread and water.

14—Production quotas on machine guns reduced to release workers for more critical items.

SPORTS

January

1—Southern California U. wins annual Rose Bowl game, defeating Washington U. 29-0.

8—Jug McSpaden wins the Los Angeles Open golf tournament with a score of 278.

17—Byron Nelson wins San Francisco Open golf tournament with 275.

February

12—New manager of Boston Braves, Bob Coleman, named to succeed Casey Stengel.

25—Joe Baksi outpointed Tony Mauriello in ten-round heavyweight battle.

28—Sammy Byrd wins the New Orleans Golf tournament with 285.

March

3—Bob Montgomery regains the lightweight title, as recognized in New York, by outpointing Beau Jack.

11—U. of Michigan wins the Big Ten indoor track and field meet at Chicago.

18—Gilbert Dodds bettered his own indoor mile mark in Chicago, with a time of 4:06.4.

18—Alan Ford establishes a new world record for the 100-yard free style swim at 49.7 seconds.

28—U. of Utah captures the N.C.A.A. basketball title by defeating Dartmouth, 42-40, in New York.

April

13—Montreal Canadiens defeat the Chicago Blackhawks for the fourth successive time in the Stanley cup professional ice hockey championship playoff.

18—Major league baseball season opens.

May

5—Charlie Grimm becomes new manager of Chicago Cubs.

6—Pensive wins the Kentucky Derby, Broadcloth was second, and Stir Up third.

13—The Preakness race was won by Pensive.

27—U. of Michigan wins western conference outdoor championship track meet.

June

10—U. of Illinois wins the National Collegiate Athletic association track and field championships.

18—Francisco Segura of Ecuador wins the national clay court tennis title.

24—Mrs. Mildred ("Babe") Didrikson Zaharias defeats Miss Dorothy Germaine to win the Women's Western Open golf championship.

25—A new world record for the two-mile run set by Gunder Hagg in Sweden. His time was 8:46.4.

July

11—National league team wins the All-Star game, 7-1, in Pittsburgh.

17—Willie Pep outpoints Manuel Ortiz, world bantamweight champion, in a 10-round non-title fight in Boston.

30—Miss Ann Curtis improves the woman's 880-yard free style swimming record with a mark of 11:08.6.

August

7—Joe Baksi defeats Lee Savold in 10-round heavyweight fight.

9—Yankee Maid wins the Hambletonian harness race.

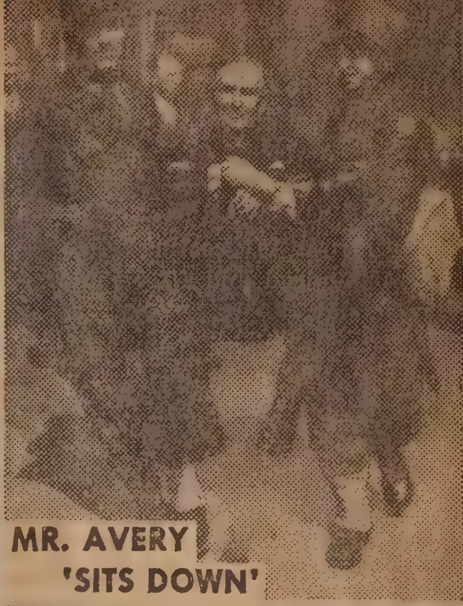
12—Miss Dorothy Germaine retains Women's Western Amateur golf title.

20—Bob Hamilton wins the Professional Golfers' association title.

25—Trapshooting championship goes to Leslie Jepsen for breaking 97 targets out of 100.

28—Byron Nelson wins the All-American golf championship.

30—Chicago Bears professional football club defeats the College All Stars, 24-21.



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6—Ike Williams outpoints Sammy Angott, former lightweight champion.
0—Baltimore captures the International league pennant.
0—Nashville wins the Southern league playoff, defeating Memphis.
1—St. Louis Cardinals clinch National league pennant.
9—Willie Pep retains world featherweight boxing title by defeating Chalky White.

ctober

1—St. Louis Browns win American league pennant.
3—San Francisco takes Pacific league series, four games to two.
9—ST. LOUIS CARDINALS WIN WORLD SERIES, FOUR GAMES TO TWO.
0—Most valuable baseball players, chosen by Sporting News, are Martin Marion, Cardinal shortstop, and Bobby Doerr, second baseman of Boston American league club.
1—Little world series of International league won by Baltimore.
4—Francisco Segura wins Pan-American tennis title for third straight time.

ovember

0—Jimmy Daniels defeats Sammy Angott, former lightweight boxing champion.
11—Army football team defeats Notre Dame, 59 to 0.
26—College football champions: Ivy league, Yale; Big Ten, Ohio State; Big Six, Oklahoma; Southwest, Texas Christian; Southern, Duke; Pacific coast, Southern California.
27—Hal Newhouser, Detroit Tigers pitcher, named most valuable player in American league.
U. of Tennessee chosen for Rose Bowl game with S. California, Jan. 1.
Other bowl opponents: Orange Bowl, Miami, Georgia Tech, vs. Tulsa; Sugar Bowl, New Orleans, Alabama vs. Duke; Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Texas Christian vs. Oklahoma A. and M.
Paul Krumske, Chicago, is new national individual match game champion, in bowling.

December

2—Army defeats Navy, 23-7. Notre Dame beats Great Lakes by 28-7. Georgia Tech wrecks Georgia 44-0 to win Southeastern title.
13—Major baseball club owners vote to bar football games in ball parks until the baseball season is over.
14—Welker Cochran wins world three cushion billiard championship.
15—Big League baseball owners divided on successor to K. M. Landis as commissioner, and on other questions.

DISASTERS

January

7—Thirty seamen drown when a navy patrol vessel sinks in collision off Cape May, N. J.
A freight train strikes army bus at Kingman, Ariz., killing 25 aviation cadets.
13—Twelve persons were killed and 40 injured when a passenger train crashed into the rear of a standing train near Novice, Texas.

February

11—Crash of an airliner into the Mississippi river carries 21 passengers and three crewmen to death near Memphis, Tenn.

March

12—Collision of the Liberty Ship J. Pinkney Henderson and a tanker cost many lives.
13—An accidental explosion of a surface mine killed ten soldiers in training maneuvers at Camp Robinson, Ark.
20—A bus plunging through a guard rail of a bridge over the Passaic river in New Jersey drowns 19 persons.
25—An explosion in a coal mine near Shinniston, W. Va., kills 16 miners.

April

6—A blast in the naval ordnance depot in Hastings, Neb., kills eight workers.
7—Thirty-nine merchant marine crewmen and 23 naval gunners drown when a Liberty ship struck a reef offshore and broke up on the English coast.
9—Fire following a collision causes the deaths of 29 crewmen and 16 naval gunners on a tanker traveling in a con-

11—A tornado cutting through Arkansas takes lives of 34 persons.
25—An American Liberator bombing plane crashes in downtown Montreal, Canada, causing the deaths of 14 persons.
27—Fifteen workmen die of suffocation while repairing naval ship in Portsmouth, Va.
28—A navy transport plane crashes 15 miles east of Flagstaff, Ariz., killing 22 persons.

May

16—Ten members of a naval blimp crew died when the airship hit a hangar in its takeoff at Lakehurst, N. J.

June

25—One hundred and forty-six were killed and 1,000 injured by a tornado that swept over parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Maryland.

July

6—A fire in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. circus in Hartford, Conn., causes deaths of 167 persons, mostly women and children. Two hundred others were injured.
Sixty-six miners trapped in a burning coal mine near Bellaire, Ohio, had to be abandoned to their fate, when the entrance was sealed to check the fire.
7—Wreck of a troop train near Jellico, Tenn., killed 31 soldiers and 2 civilians, and injured 100 others.
11—An army bomber crashing into a trailer camp in South Portland, Maine, took the lives of 16 persons.
17—Explosion of two munition ships at Navy loading pier in Port Chicago, Calif., results in 319 deaths among naval and merchant marine personnel, and property damage of $7,000,000.
26—An army hospital plane was reported lost at sea between Iceland and Newfoundland with 26 aboard.

August

4—Twenty-eight persons, including 24 army pilots and 4 mechanics are killed in crash of transport plane near Atkinson, Neb.
5—Train wreck near Stockton, Ga., kills 45 and injures 30.
9—Crash of airliner at Antilla, Cuba, brings death to 17.
13—Fire sweeps Palisades, N. J., amusement park, killing 3 and injuring 100. In another fire at Coney Island, Brooklyn, N. Y., 35 persons were injured.

September

14—Hurricane sweeping over Atlantic coast from South Carolina to Canada causes 40 deaths and property damage of $100,000,000.
17—Navy reports sinking of a destroyer and two coast guard cutters in the hurricane, with "heavy loss of life."
28—Eight persons are killed in collision of freight and passenger trains near Missouri Valley, Iowa.
29—Collision of two trains near Terre Haute, Ind., kills 29 and injures 65. Most of the dead were soldiers.

October

20—Fire in Cleveland, Ohio, following explosion of liquid gas storage plant causes 121 deaths and 200 injuries.

November

4—Air-liner crash near Hanford, Calif., takes lives of 24 passengers.
8—Nine die and 75 are injured in train wreck when limited leaves track 50 miles northeast of Sacramento, Calif.
14—Army transport plane hits mountain west of Harmon field, Newfoundland, killing nine and injuring nine U. S. army personnel.
27—Army plane crashes near Madison, Wis., bringing death to three air corps men.

December

1—Airliner crashes near Burbank, Calif., with 23 passengers. Seven killed.
Freight car loaded with bombs explodes in Tolar, N. M., wrecking buildings and starting fires.
14—Three small children burned to death in Chicago, a fourth seriously injured.

DEATHS

January

6—Ida M. Tarbell, 86, writer, famous for exposing trusts, in Bridgeport, Conn.
20—Walter Hackett, 67, playwright, in New York.
29—William Allen White, 75, famous editor of Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, died in Emporia.

February

25—Rear Adm. Charles C. Hartigan, 62, naval attache, winner of Congressional medal, in Palo Alto.
29—Rep. Thomas H. Cullen, 76, member of house from Brooklyn, N. Y., since 1919, died in Washington, D. C.

March

1—Thomas E. Campbell, 66, former governor of Arizona, died in Phoenix.
7—Rev. Dr. Thomas Nicholson, 82, Methodist bishop and former president of the Anti-Saloon league, in Mount Vernon, Iowa.
15—Joseph B. Eastman, 61, director of Office of Defense Transportation, died in Washington, D. C.
19—William H. Thompson, former mayor of Chicago, Ill., died at 74 in Chicago.

April

24—Mrs. Sarah Jane Swanson, 113, said to be the oldest American-born resident of the United States, died in Chicago.
25—Coe I. Crawford, 86, former governor and senator of South Dakota, in Yankton, S. D.
William D. Stephens, 84, former governor of California, died in Los Angeles.
28—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, who has held that cabinet post since 1940, died in Washington, D. C., at age of 70. He was a newspaper publisher in private life.

May

7—Vice Adm. William Rodgers, 84, commander of U. S. Adriatic fleet in World War I, died in Bethesda, Md.
8—Brig. Gen. Donald A. Davison, chief of provisional engineering command, Mediterranean area. Death reported from India.
12—Brig. Gen. Henry D. Styer, 81, commander of Allied troops in Siberia in World War I, died in Coronado, Calif.
16—George Ade, famous humorist, died at 78 in Kentland, Ind.

June

1—Gen. O. R. Gellette, 99, Confederate brigadier general, in Shreveport, La.
6—Col. Josef Beck, prime minister of Poland during German invasion in 1939, died at 49 near Bucharest, Romania.
25—Louisa E. G. Thorp, 80, internationally known artist and art teacher, in Los Angeles.

July

9—Martin D. Morrison, 82, former congressman from Indiana, died in Abingdon, Va.
12—Mrs. Betty Compton Knappen, 37, former musical comedy actress, in New York.
17—Alan Dinehart, 54, film and stage actor who has appeared in more than 100 pictures, died in Hollywood, Calif.
20—Mildred Harris, 41, movie actress and first wife of Charles Chaplin, died in Los Angeles.
27—Lieut. Gen. Leslie McNair killed in France.
30—Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippines, died at Saranac Lake, N. Y. He was 65.

August

5—Rear Adm. Don Pardee Moon, 50, committed suicide in Washington while suffering from "combat fatigue."
Effie Cherry, 65, last of the Cherry Sisters of vaudeville fame, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

September

1—Isabel Irving, 73, whose stage career covered 50 years, at Nantucket, Mass.
2—George W. Norris, former senator from Nebraska, died at 83 in McCook, Neb. He served 40 years in congress, including five terms in the senate.
8—James A. Reed, former senator from Missouri, at 82 in Fairview, Mich.

E. Smith, four times governor of
York and Democratic candidate for
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rd Bennett, 72, famous actor, in
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Christiana Bond, 100, author, art-
d lecturer, in Baltimore.
Grey, 56, well-known actress, in
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S. Kelley, 87, composer of classi-
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New England Events of 1944

Biggest Showing of Year Was Shipbuilding Record, Topping Any Other Naval District

New England closed the year with the record of having built and launched, in 1944, more naval combat ships than any other naval district in the country. The number was 92, and includes the $95,000,000 aircraft carrier Hancock.

Arsenals and industrial establishments, all united in aiding the war effort. The war brought shortages in butter, bacon, turkeys, cigarettes and nurses. Air raid tests and blackouts along the New England coast were suspended. It was a bad year in the number of lives lost by fires, the most disastrous being the destruction of the circus tent in Hartford, when 163 persons lost their lives.

The year was notable for extremes in temperature; frosts in May, accompanied by drought, caused losses in fruit and vegetables estimated at $8,000,000. Ninety-degree temperatures occurred in May, June, July and August. In the latter month there was one full week of temperatures above 90 degrees and on one day the mercury exceeded 100 degrees.

September brought a destructive hurricane.

Both President Roosevelt and Gov. Thomas E. Dewey campaigned in Massachusetts. New England gave a majority of its governorships to Republicans but gave a big majority of electoral votes to Roosevelt.

In a long death roll, the outstanding name was that of William Cardinal O'Connell. Pope Pius XII named as his successor the Rt. Rev. Richard J. Cushing of Boston.

JANUARY

Jan. 1—Superintendents of Boston cemeteries announced ban on Sunday funerals.

Jan. 3—Atty. Gen. Robert T. Bushnell nol-prossed indictments against Boston police officers.

Jan. 3—Fire in Hyde Park burned a mother and three children to death.

Jan. 4—Illness prevented 14,000 pupils and 166 teachers from attending Boston public schools.

Jan. 4—Five war industries wiped out by fire in Ware, with $900,000 damage.

Jan. 13—Boston fishermen voted to end eight-week strike.

Jan. 17—Widow of Douglas Fairbanks married at Copley Plaza to Lord Stanley.

Jan. 24 — Ownership of Boston Braves of National League passed into Boston hands.

Jan. 24—Giant aircraft carrier Hancock, costing $95,000,000 launched at Quincy.

Jan. 28—President's birthday ball at Boston Garden collected $50,000.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 1—Boston Elevated, for first time since 1928, paid a profit of $1,529,805, for distribution to cities and towns in district.

Feb. 4—United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge resigned seat in Senate.

Feb. 8—President Roosevelt ordered Army to take over textile mills in Fall River.

Feb. 8—Sinclair Weeks of Newton appointed to United States Senate.

Feb. 17—Full military honors paid at Portsmouth Navy Yard to 13 crew members of wrecked British merchantman.

Feb. 18—Construction began on million-dollar runway at Logan Airport, East Boston.

Feb. 18—Two day auctions of wool sold 23,000,000 pounds.

MARCH

March 1—Republic of China opened in Boston its first consulate.

March 5—Boston rabbi among clergymen at ordination of Unitarian minister in Cambridge.

March 6—Forty-eight hour week went into effect in 43 Greater Boston industrial centers.

March 6—Family of seven children burned to death at York Beach, Me.

March 7—Federal Court approved plans for reorganization of the New Haven Railroad.

March 9—Prize of $5000 offered for best plan for development of Metropolitan Boston.

March 11—Gil Dodds of Boston broke indoor record for mile in 4:07.3.

March 13—Boston University, by short wave, conferred honorary degree upon Henrietta Szold in Palestine.

March 23—Wording Hall at Ricker Classical Institute, Houlton, Me., burned with loss of $100,000.

March 27—Vice President Henry Wallace spoke to 3000 of Greek ancestry in Symphony Hall, Boston.

March 28—First Navy ship for all-Negro crew commissioned at Charlestown Navy Yard.

APRIL

April 2—Transoceanic air cargo service inaugurated at Logan Airport in East Boston.

April 4—Massachusetts Legislature met in special session to provide voting privileges for those in the armed service.

April 13—Four babies in a hospital at New London, Conn., died of poison through a mistake in feeding formula.

April 17—Judge Wyzanski in Boston Federal Court ruled that Arabs are white and entitled to citizenship rights.

April 19—Rev. Angus Dun of Cambridge consecrated Bishop of Washington, D. C.

April 19—Gerard Cote of Montreal won Marathon race by 12 3-5 seconds over John Kelley of West Acton.

April 25—Judge Arthur P. Stone of Cambridge ruled that Lillian Smith's novel, "Strange Fruit" was obscene.

April 28—Funeral obsequies for William Cardinal O'Connell at Cathedral of the Holy Cross, with solemn pontifical requiem mass celebrated by Papal delegate; in five days preceding, 250,000 mourners filed by the bier.

May 6—Kathleen Kennedy, daughter of former Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, married in London to Marquess of Hartington.

May 6—Stanislaus Orlemanski of Springfield, Mass., returned home from a self-appointed mission to Premier Stalin to find himself a violator of penal code governing intercourse with a foreign government.

May 8—Harvard College Library received gift of a Gutenberg Bible valued at $250,000.

May 11—Explosion on an amunition laden Navy lighter, 14 miles outside Boston harbor, killed five, and 16 were reported missing.

May 13—Three Jewish boys on a Dorchester car assaulted by crowd of schoolmates.

May 15—Forest fires near Fall River burned over 4000 acres and destroyed two homes.

May 17—Sixty Army patients, casualties of Italian campaign, evacuated by air to Framingham Hospital.

May 19-20—Severe frosts in New England caused damage to fruit and crops, estimated at $8,000,000.

May 19—Feeding pigeons on Boston Common banned, and its violation made a misdemeanor.

May 25—Five persons burned to death by fire and explosion in a Fitchburg tenement.

May 27—Freak storm hit Webbs Mills and Gray Village, Me., 15 miles wide and 20 miles long, leveling trees and poles.

May 28—Air raid warnings tests suspended for the duration.

May 29—Memorial Day travel in New England heaviest since war began.

May 31—Temperature hit 96.

JUNE

June 4—Holy Trinity Church, Boston, observed 100th anniversary.

June 6—Boston Y. M. C. A. observed its 100th anniversary.

June 6—President Roosevelt led the nation in prayer on D-Day.

June 9—Rev. Lewis O. Hartmann of Boston, elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

June 12—Murdered body of Frances McGrath, 10, found in Norwell woods.

June 12—Damage of $1,000,000 caused by fire in Roxbury chair factory.

June 21—Labor areas in New England went on 48-hour week by order of WMC.

June 22—William H. Burke of Northampton appointed Collector of Customs in Boston.

June 24—Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety announced discontinuance of air raid tests until an emergency arises.

N. E. Events

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June 27—Globe Newspaper Company presented to Boston Public Library complete set of films of the newspaper, as a memorial to Gen Charles H. Taylor.

June 28—Centennial anniversary of birth of John Boyle O'Reilly observed in Boston.

June 28—Temperature at 95.

June 29—Harvard University announced gifts for the year of $3,507,000.

JULY

July 1—Monetary and financial conference of United Nations opened at Bretton Woods, N. H.

uly 4—Explosion of 15,000 pounds of dynamite at Bedford, N. H., rocked buildings and broke windows as far away as Manchester and Worcester.

uly 6—Fire in the circus tent of Ringling Brothers in Hartford took 163 lives and injured 110 others.

July 6—John F. Noxon Jr. found guilty of first-degree murder by a Pittsfield jury and sentenced to death.

July 11—Trailer camp at South Portland, Me., wrecked by explosion of an airplane, killing 13 and making 100 homeless.

July 12-July 9-10—Boston thermometer touched 94 degrees.

AUGUST

Aug. 4-5—Boston temperatures 90 to 99 degrees.

Aug. 8—Nine freight carloads of spoiled eggs dumped by WFA at Burlington, Vt.

Aug. 11-17—Hottest week known in New England with temperatures from 97 to 100.1 degrees each day.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1—Many warships launched at New England shipyards.

Sept. 8—Boston school enrollment dropped 3000 owing to war work.

Sept. 15—Hurricanes hit southeastern New England with wind of 100 miles an hour, causing crop and fruit losses of $50,000,000, and 43 deaths.

Sept. 16—Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts ruled that students at State Colleges must pay a tuition.

Sept. 17—Dorothy Lamour sold $3,000,000 War Bonds at public meetings in Massachusetts.

Sept. 18—Pupils of Worcester high schools went on strike.

Sept. 28—Most Rev. Bishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston appointed Archbishop by Pope Pius XII.

OCTOBER

Oct. 1—Shortage of nurses forced closing of 86 beds at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Oct. 7—Boston hotels ceased serving butter with meals.

Oct. 10—Sale of "Forever Amber," historical novel by Kathleen Winsor, banned in Boston.

Oct. 12—Cost of Civilian Defense in Massachusetts from Dec. 1, 1941, to June 1, 1944, was $1,509,626.

Oct. 15—Prof. George D. Strayer submitted his report on the survey of Boston public schools.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 1—Gov. Dewey of New York, Republican Presidential candidate, spoke before 24,000 at Boston Garden.

Nov. 5—President Roosevelt spoke before 40,000 at Fenway Park, Boston.

Nov. 8—President Roosevelt carried Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Gov. Dewey carried Maine and Vermont; Gov. Saltonstall elected to the United States Senate from Massachusetts, and Mayor Tobin of Boston elected Governor of Massachusetts.

Nov. 8—Massachusetts voted against biennial legislative sessions.

Nov. 13—Bus drivers of New England Transportation Company tied up traffic between Boston and Providence.

Nov. 17—Rev. Dr. Edward F. Ryan of West Roxbury appointed Bishop of Burlington, Vt., by Pope Pius XII.

Nov. 17—Bishop Matthew Francis Brady, D.D., transferred from Vermont diocese to the New Hampshire diocese.

Nov. 22—Greater Boston War Fund closed with pledges of $7,951,054, exceeding quota by more than $700,000.

Nov. 23—William H. Burke Jr., of Northampton, confirmed as collector of the Port of Boston by United States Senate.

Nov. 23—Matthew W. Bullock, prominent Boston Negro leader, made chairman of Massachusetts Parole Board.

Nov. 30—Boston stores almost bare of cigarettes.

Nov.30—Tide at Charles River Dam rose to 14.56 feet.

DECEMBER

Dec. 4—Joseph C. Grew of Boston, nominated for Undersecretary of State.

Dec. 4—Church of the Advent (Episcopal), Boston, observed 100th anniversary.

Dec. 6—Two women crushed to death by wild elevated bus at Harvard Sq.

Dec. 6—Betting at Rhode Island racetracks rose to $73,793,064; in Massachusetts to $52,601,110, and in New Hampshire to $32,787,059.

Dec. 8—Members of Harvard College faculty won prize of $5000 for best plan for Greater Boston development.

Dec. 10—Teamsters Union expelled 14 union officers for starting unauthorized strike.

Dec. 12—Plans proposed for building projects in Massachusetts totaling $160,000,000.

Dec. 12—Paul F. Clark elected president of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Dec. 14—Captured German steamer Extersterine brought into Boston Harbor.

Dec. 14—Two Bristol County Commissioners convicted of larceny.

Dec. 15—Symphony Concert in Boston Garden evoked sales of War Bonds of $9,959,122.

Dec. 15—Fire in Smith College dormitory drove out 64 girls and caused damage of $250,000.

Dec. 19—Mrs. Lillian Ostler of Chelsea honored for giving eight sons for war service.

Dec. 21—Upton High School destroyed by fire with loss of $100,000.

Dec. 25—Fire in New Haven business center caused damage of $150,000.

Dec. 26—Recount showed election of Mrs. Mary C. Dondero as Mayor of Portsmouth, N. H., the state's first woman Mayor.

Dec. 27—Former Mayor Curley completed payment of judgment of $42,620 to City of Boston.

Dec. 27—Fire in Chelsea brought death to four persons.

Deaths of Eminent New England Men

ANDERSON, WILLIAM F., Methodist bishop, died at Buzzards Bay, July 22, aged 84.

BYRNES, TIMOTHY E., railroad official, died at Hingham, March 19, aged 91.

COX, ALLEN H., architect, died at Granby, July 6, aged 71.

CARTER, WINTHROP L., paper merchant, died at Brookline, Feb. 22, aged 59.

DALLIN, CYRUS EDWARD, sculptor, died at Arlington, Nov. 14, aged 83.

ENGELHARDT, FRED, president of the University of New Hampshire, died at Durham, N. H., Feb. 3, aged 59.

FAIRBANKS, ARTHUR, educator and art critic, died at Cambridge, Jan. 14, aged 79.

FAY, FREDERIC H., consulting engineer, died in Boston, June 6, aged 71.

FROST, EDWARD J., president of William Filene's Sons Company, died in Boston, June 6, aged 71.

GARDINER, ROBERT HALLOWELL, banker, died at Gardiner, Me., Sept. 15, aged 61.

GEORGE, SIR ANTHONY H., British consul-general at Boston, died at Baltimore, Jan. 10, aged 57.

HUSSEY, JOHN A. E., paper merchant, died at Brookline, Jan. 28, aged 82.

KENNEDY, LT JOSEPH P. JR., eldest son of former Ambassador to England, killed in action, Aug. 12, aged 29.

LINCOLN, JOSEPH C., author of Cape Cod stories, died at Winter Park, Fla., March 11, aged 74.

MANNING, JOSEPH P., tobacco merchant, died at Boston, Jan. 24, aged 78.

McAULIFFE, MOST REV. MAURICE F., bishop of Hartford, died at Hartford, Dec. 15, aged 69.

MOSES, GEORGE H., former United States Senator from New Hampshire, died at Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, aged 75.

O'CONNELL, WILLIAM CARDINAL Archbishop of Boston, died at Boston, April 22, aged 85.

O'CONNOR, REV. MICHAEL J., Y-D chaplain in World War I, died at Framingham, Sept. 26, aged 75.

PEABODY, REV ENDICOTT, founder of Groton School, died at Groton, Nov. 17, aged 87.

ROGERSON, CHARLES M., attorney and Community Fund founder, died at Boston, Dec. 27.

SALTONSTALL, SGT. PETER B.,

son of the Massachusetts Governor, killed in action, Aug. 17, aged 23.

SIDIS, WILLIAM JAMES, former prodigy, who completed in six months the entire Brookline school course, and graduated at Harvard College at 16, died in Boston, July 17, aged 46.

SMITH, GEORGE OTIS, chairman of Federal Power Commission, died at Skowhegan, Me., Jan. 12, aged 73.

Notable Deaths of the Year

ADE GEORGE, author and humorist, died at Kentland, Ind., May 16, aged 78.

BENNETT, RICHARD, stage and screen actor, died at Los Angeles, Calif., Oct. 22, aged 72.

BRYAN, JOHN STEWART, publisher and former college president, died at Richmond, Va., Oct. 16, aged 73.

CANNON, JAMES, Methodist Bishop, died at Chicago, Ill., Sept. 6, aged 79.

CARREL, ALEXIS, surgeon, and biologist, died at Paris, France, Nov. 5, aged 71.

EASTMAN, JOSEPH B., member Interstate Commerce Commission, died at Washington, D. C., March 15, aged 61.

FALL, ALBERT B., former Secretary of Interior, died at El Paso, Tex., Nov. 30, aged 83.

GIBSON, CHARLES DANA, Roxbury born artist, died at New York, Dec. 23, aged 77.

KNOX, FRANK, Secretary of the Navy, died at Washington, D. C., April 28, aged 70.

LITTAUER, LUCIUS N., manufacturer and philanthropist, died at New Rochelle, N. Y., March 2, aged 85.

NORRIS, GEORGE W., former U. S. Senator from Nebraska, died at McCook, Neb., Sept. 2, aged 83.

QUEZON, MANUEL, exiled President of the Philippine Government, died at Saranac Lake, N. Y., Aug. 1, aged 65.

RAND, JAMES HENRY, SR., industrialist, died at North Falmouth, Mass., Sept. 16, aged 85.

ROOSEVELT THEODORE, JR., Brig Gen, USA, died in Normandy, France, July 13, aged 56.

SMITH, ALFRED E., former Governor of New York, and Democratic candidate for President, died at New York city, Oct. 4, aged 70.

SMITH, ELLISON B., United States Senator from South Carolina, died at Lynchburg, S. C., Nov. 17, aged 80.

TEMPLE, WILLIAM, Archbishop of Canterbury, died in London, Oct. 26, aged 63.

THOMPSON, WILLIAM HALE, Boston-born Mayor of Chicago, died in Chicago, March 19, aged 75.

VANDERBILT, WILLIAM K., financier and yachtsman, died at New York, Jan. 7, aged 65.

VAN NUYS, FREDERICK, United States Senator from Indiana, died at Vienna, Va., aged 69.

WHITE, WILLIAM ALLEN, journalist, died at Emporia, Kan., Jan. 29, aged 75.

WILLKIE, WENDELL L., lawyer and Republican candidate for President, died at New York, Oct. 8, aged 52.

Notable Women Who Died in '44

Rarely has this old world been called upon to mourn a more distinguished list of women who in a single year have passed away. The list:

BEACH, MRS. H. H. A., composer and musician, died at N. Y., Dec. 27, aged 77.

BEATRICE, PRINCESS, last survivor of Queen Victoria, died at London, Oct. 26, aged 87.

DOMITILLA, REV. MOTHER GENERAL of the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph and founder of Regis College, Weston, died at Framingham, Dec. 28, aged 73.

GANDHI, MRS. MOHANDAS K., wife of Indian leader, died at Poona, India, Feb. 22, aged 74.

HOOVER, MRS. HERBERT, wife of former President Hoover, died at N. Y., Jan. 7, aged 88.

LeHAND, MARGARET A., personal secretary to President Roosevelt, died at Chelsea, July 31.

McPHERSON, AIMEE SEMPLE, evangelist, died at Oakland, Calif., Sept. 27, aged 53.

ROGERS, MRS. WILL, wife of humorist, died at Santa Monica, Calif., June 22, aged 65.

SMITH, MRS. ALFRED E., wife of former Governor of N. Y., died at N. Y., May 4, aged 65.

STORROW, MRS. JAMES J., philanthropist, died at N. Y., Nov. 10, aged 80.

TARBELL, IDA M., author, died in Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 6, aged 86.

Headlines of the Year 1944

(Selected from the Front Page of the Citizen)

January

Belmont Post, American Legion observes Legion's 25th birthday with dinner to Brig.-Gen. William J. Keville.

U. S. S. Daniel A. Joy, destroyer escort, named for local Guadalcanal hero, is launched at Hingham.

Theodore T. Miller is appointed chairman of the Belmont Committee for Post-war Action.

Joseph G. Lane, member of the Board of Assessors since 1932, announces candidacy for re-election.

Red Cross Motor Corps is formed here with Mrs. Stuart J. Fay appointed as lieutenant in charge.

Belmont High School principal, Wayne M. Shipman, dies a victim of infantile paralysis.

Auxiliary Police revolver team wins postal shoot sponsored by the New England Police Revolver League.

February

George Higginbottom is elected principal of Senior High School.

Seth T. Gano resigns from Raioning Board to run for Town Moderator.

One of Belmont's oldest residents, Mrs. A. Grace Ellis, 93, dies at her home, 147 Lexington street.

No competition for any office on Town ballot for the first time in memory.

John M. O'Brien is elected president of Board of Trade.

All Saints' Church celebrates 50th nniversary.

$33,000 Red Cross War Fund Drive is launched in Belmont with 00 volunteer workers.

Warrane Committee recommends 250 bonus for town employees.

March

First Congregational Church of Waverley marks 79th anniversary ith supper and appropriate services.

Only 13% of town's registered oters go to polls.

Earle C. Parks is installed as orshipful master of Beaver Lodge, . F. & A. M.

Town meeting completes work in hree hours; $250 bonus unanimously approved.

Special paper drive is held with "Fill A Freight Car" as slogan.

Town-wide banquet held in honor of Belmont H. S. basketball team; unners-up in Tech tourney.

April

Belmont High School drama students take part in state-wide festival to be held in Belmont.

Belmont Inspector Hubert C. Maguire graduates from FBI police school in Washington.

Funeral services held for Rev. James F. Haney, pastor of St. Joseph's Church since 1936.

Joseph W. Kales succeeds J. Leslie Woodfall as Town engineer.

CITIZEN begins 26th year of publication, is now a member of nationally known Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Waverley Grange celebrates 24th birthday with many town officials present at observance held in Odd Fellows Hall.

Republican women hold banquet in High School cafeteria in celebration of the fifth birthday of the founding of the Women's Republican Club.

May

Twenty-fifth anniversary is celebrated by St. Luke's parish.

Miss Priscilla Meehan, Belmont High School senior, wins top honors in Radio quiz contest.

Thornton E. Lallier becomes new commander of Waverley Post, No. 1272, V. F. W., and Mrs. Marion Kearns installed as president of the local V. F. W. Auxiliary at joint installation held in Payson Hall.

St. Joseph's sport night is attended by more than five hundred fathers and sons at the High School cafeteria.

Mrs. Charles D. Cosgrove is appointed president of Women of Belmont Rotary.

Officer Sylvester A. Mead, member of Belmont Police Department, is appointed a lieutenant-detective of the State police.

Belmont wins over Concord and Stoneham puts the Belmont nine at top of League.

Joseph Earl Perry assumes presidency of $22 million Newton Savings Bank.

Recreation center "Belmont Coed" organized under sponsorship of the Waverley Unitarian Church for local young people.

June

More than 1700 children participate in the annual May Day processions at St. Luke's Church, Our Lady of Mercy Church and St. Joseph's Church.

Payson Park Church Red Cross Unit observes fourth year of work.

Belmont High School graduates class of 316; Junior High, class of 400.

Belmont Rotary is awarded for outstanding community work by National Rotary.

700 Cub Scouts participate in annual outing at Waverley Oaks; program cut short by rain.

Thomas J. Greehan is appointed Director of Civil Service.

Mt. Trinity holds first graduation with thirty-six students receiving diplomas.

Chaplain John P. Fitzsimmons, on military leave from the Plymouth Congregational Church, is advanced to rank of major in India.

Joseph F. Kolouch is appointed new assistant principal at High School.

Lt. Harry A. Carey celebrates thirtieth year as member of Belmont police force.

Grand total of names now on Belmont's Honor Roll is 2,663—94 of which are women.

July

Kenneth P. Miner heads Belmont Rotary.

Nearby Waltham Regional veterans hospital in charge of Col. Elton L. Titus of 285 Orchard street.

Doris Schinkel, former Belmont girl, dies of burns suffered while attempting to rescue child from circus fire in Hartford, Conn.

Heavier vote than expected cast at primaries; 22% rather than the predicted 10%.

Dr. Rupert A. Chittick of the McLean Hospital staff is appointed superintendent of Vermont State Hospital.

New Veterans' hospital in Waltham is officially opened.

Dr. Joseph J. Bradley, Major, USAMC, is responsible in his Division for the mental hygiene of everyone in his group; was stationed in Normandy.

Helicopter flight, sponsored by Filene's, from Cambridge to Filene's Belmont Center store, draws big crowd as it heralds advent of new mode of transportation.

August

Largest group of girls ever to join in unit from Belmont, seven enter the WAVES.

G. James Mastrogiovanni, former coach at the Berlin, N. H., high school, is appointed new football coach at Belmont High.

400 official election war ballots mailed to Belmont servicemen all over the world.

St. Joseph's, local CYO baseball team, in semi-finals of diocesan play-offs.

September

School opens with over 4,000 students, and several replacements in teaching staff.

Eleventh annual outing of Belmont businessmen is held at the Arlmont Country Club.

Major J. P. Fitzsimmons, chaplain, USA, arrives at Fort Devens to undergo an operation for an eye injury.

Mrs. David J. "Mom" Barry sends her 1,000th box to servicemen.

Rev. Gibson Winter, of All Saints Episcopal Church, enters the Navy as chaplain.

Plymouth Congregational Church hopes to build new edifice at once.

Special session of Town Meeting held and fourteen articles approved quickly: purchase of 750-gallon fire engine, re-zoning half of town, rebuilding of three roads, appointment of committee to study grade school on Belmont Hill among those approved.

October

Lt. Louise M. O'Sullivan, Army Nurse, overseas since February, 1942, arrives home for month's leave.

Richard P. Little, one of Belmont's most popular police officers, retires after serving the town for 27 years.

First serious fire in three years causes $15,000 damage to home of Dr. Ives Hendrick on Wellington Lane. A two-alarmer!

Keen interest shown in forthcoming election with 2,243 new registrants in Belmont.

Town employees and guests attend dinner given to Miss Cormey, for thirty years a valued employee in the Treasurer's office.

Recreation Committee sponsors townwide Hallowe'en parties for children of school age, with 2,600 in attendance.

Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers makes first public appearance in Belmont following visit to European battlefronts.

November

Waverley Post, 1272, V. F. W., observes 20th anniversary at Armistice Day dinner.

Theodore T. Miller resigns as head of Belmont's Post War Action Committee.

Progress and accomplishments of Belmont Home Front Committee for the past two years is reviewed.

Rev. Francis V. Cummings, for several years associated with St. Rita's Church in Haverhill, assumes pastorate of St. Joseph's Church.

Belmont goes over the top in salvage drive by collecting six carloads of waste paper.

Belmont defeats Watertown, 6-0, in traditional Thanksgiving Day game.

December

Belmont Hill's football ends undefeated and unscored-on season with one exception, a hard-fought encounter dropped to Middlesex.

Girl Scouts celebrate 25th anniversary with dinner and special program held in the High School Cafeteria.

"Polly" S. Harris observes 20th year as director of physical education in Belmont schools.

Bus accident at Harvard Square "pill box" kills Miss Antoinette Spuria of Belmont, employed by the First Service Command.